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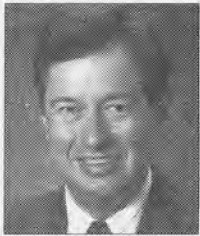
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HUNTING & TRAPPING

Regulations Synopsis

Message from the Minister



British Columbia's hunters have always been strong supporters and active participants in wildlife conservation efforts. New initiatives have recently been introduced to protect, even better, the outstanding diversity and abundance of B.C.'s wildlife.

In April 1996, government announced that the Habitat Conservation Fund will be converted into a trust fund, allowing more money to be spent on conservation projects. Under the new legislation, all HCF revenues will go directly into the trust fund, and the full balance in the fund will be available to support HCF projects. This year, HCF will provide record funding of \$4.9 million to support 154 habitat conservation projects — a remarkable increase over last year's record \$3.7 million.

The Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy has brought changes for B.C.'s bear hunters. Bear species licences now include an HCF surcharge — \$5 for B.C. hunters and \$30 for non-resident hunters — which will raise about \$160,000 a year for grizzly conservation efforts. This is also the year when new grizzly hunting regulations come into effect, with limited entry hunting seasons replacing open seasons, and new quotas for non-resident hunters.

Hunters share government's concern over the needless death of bears by poachers and by conditioning to garbage. Fines have more than doubled from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to discourage grizzly poaching, trade in grizzly parts and other offences. Also, a new discussion paper has been released, calling for public comments and support to deal with the growing problem of bear access to garbage. Last year, more than 900 "problem bears" had to be destroyed to protect public safety.

Hunters will be pleased with the release of the new Wildlife Harvest Strategy, developed after public comment. The Strategy harmonizes and simplifies hunting regulations while still ensuring that wildlife is conserved. Although hunting regulations have been changing to address conservation concerns, our regulations provide hunters with outstanding recreation opportunities, and B.C. continues to be world-renowned for hunting. I'd like to recognize B.C.'s hunters for their contributions towards wildlife conservation, and encourage their continued participation and support.

Paul Ramsey
Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks

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Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

Province-wide

Hunters should be aware that a number of Management Unit (MU) boundaries have been amended. See regional management unit maps for more information.

the antler tine restriction has been standardized to a one inch tine length for hunting regulations with respect to all deer, elk, moose and caribou

the provincial bag and possession limit for ducks has been increased to a daily bag limit of 8 and a possession limit of 16, except for restricted species - pintail, goldeneye and canvasback.

Other regulation changes which are limited to a specific region are noted on that region's management unit map page.

This synopsis is not the law.

It is a summary of the B.C. Hunting and Trapping Regulations made under the *Wildlife Act* (British Columbia) that has been prepared for the convenience of hunters and trappers.

If you have any questions about the information in this synopsis, please contact the BC Environment regional office or District Conservation Officer Service office in the area you wish to hunt.

It is Unlawful . . .

1. to enter, hunt over or trap in cultivated land, posted land or private property without the owner's permission.
2. to make a false statement to an Officer, Conservation Officer, or Constable.
3. to hunt at any time during the year except within the open season, or by authority of a permit issued under the *Wildlife Act*.
4. to use another person's licence or permit, or to loan or transfer any licence or permit under any circumstances.
5. to be in possession of a big game animal without a properly cancelled species licence or otherwise by licence, permit, or as provided by regulation.
6. to continue to hunt game species on a day in which the daily bag limit of that species has been taken, or, on the day or subsequent to the day in which the seasonal bag limit for that species of game has been taken.
7. to hunt moose, elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, caribou or grizzly bear

with a shotgun. (Shotguns may be used only for the hunting of deer, black bear, cougar, coyote, wolf, game birds and small game.)

NOTE: A person using a shotgun for hunting deer, black bear, cougar and wolf must use a bore size of 20 gauge or larger and use shells of shot size 1 Buck or larger.

8. to hunt game birds with a rifle, except grouse and ptarmigan. Rifles other than centre-fire rifles are permitted for the Kootenay LEH turkey seasons.
9. to hunt migratory game birds using a rifle, or a shotgun loaded with a single bullet, or any other weapon except a bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
10. to use, while hunting migratory game birds, more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one, is disassembled or unloaded and encased.
11. to hunt with a set gun, or to hunt wildlife with a pump, repeating or auto-loading shotgun without a plugged magazine incapable of holding more than two shells.
12. to use full metal jacketed, non-expanding, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets for hunting game.
13. to use rimfire cartridges for hunting big game.
14. to hunt migratory birds from a power boat.
15. to shoot wildlife from a motor vehicle or a boat propelled by a motor.
16. to discharge, carry or have in possession a firearm containing live ammunition in its breech or in its magazine, in or on a railway car, motor vehicle, sleigh, aircraft, or bicycle.
17. to carry a cocked crossbow in or on a vehicle, or to discharge a bow from a vehicle of any kind.
18. to hunt wildlife by the use or with the aid of a light or an illuminating device.
19. to hunt or transport hunters or wildlife by helicopters.
20. to hunt wildlife from an aircraft.
21. to hunt game within six (6) hours of

being airborne in an aircraft other than a regularly scheduled commercial aircraft.

22. to use a power boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle to disturb game for the purpose of driving them towards another hunter.
23. to hunt game, except migratory game birds, from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
24. to hunt migratory game birds from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
25. to hunt, take, wound or kill big game while it is swimming unless it has been previously wounded.
26. to use poison for the taking or killing of any wildlife.
27. to use recorded or electronic calls to hunt wildlife (no exemption for trappers).
28. to possess or keep in captivity any live wildlife without a permit.
29. to possess or wantonly take, injure or destroy a bird, egg, or the nest of a bird except those designated by regulations, (ie: crows, English sparrows, cowbirds, magpies, Rock doves or European starlings or their egg or nest).
30. to buy or sell migratory birds (or their eggs or nests).

NOTICE TO Hunters

Under the *Wildlife Act*, all wildlife, dead or alive, is owned by the provincial Crown except where a person lawfully kills the wildlife and complies with all provisions of the *Wildlife Act* regulations.

It is the hunter's responsibility to take only animals which meet the legal requirements. If you have any doubts about the legality of the animal,

DO NOT SHOOT!

grizzly bear, the hide must be removed to a residence, a cold storage locker or to a taxidermist. B.C. Environment regards "a place of consumption" as a person's permanent residence and not a hunting camp or other type of temporary camp.

34. to place bait for the purpose of attracting a migratory game bird, except under permit, or to hunt a migratory game bird within 400 metres (1/4 mile) of any baited area.
35. to use live birds as decoys or recorded bird calls to hunt game birds.
36. to discharge, dump, discard or dispose of litter.
37. to shoot at or capture any hawk, falcon, owl or eagle except under permit.
38. to deface any notice posted under authority of the *Wildlife Act*.
39. to damage or interfere with a lawfully set trap.
40. to act as, or offer to act as, a guide for fish or game for compensation or reward unless licenced to do so.
41. to hunt black bear or grizzly bear by placing bait or using dead wildlife or parts of it as bait.
42. to possess or transport a big game animal that was killed unintentionally by accident or collision, or was illegally killed.
43. to unintentionally kill a big game animal and fail to report promptly the kill to a Conservation Officer.
44. to possess, traffic in, import or export bear galls or genitalia separate from the carcass or hide; or traffic in, import or export bear paws separate from the carcass or hide.

Lead Shot Ban

The use of lead shot for waterfowl hunting is prohibited in British Columbia. The ban applies to all ducks, geese, coots and snipe. It does not apply to upland gamebirds (grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge, pheasants, turkey), migratory upland gamebirds (pigeons, doves), ravens (where seasons exist), or target shooting, although a local restriction may be implemented if there is a conflict with an important wetland.

Shot containing lead greater than one percent by weight is prohibited. Non-toxic alternatives such as bismuth shot are permitted.

Site Restrictions

National Parks

•Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks. The law requires that all firearms transported in National Parks be dismantled, carried in a closed case or wrapped and tied securely in such a manner as not to expose any part of the firearm.

•Firearms are also not permitted outside of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft in a National Park unless they are being moved into, or out of, a

person's premises, or with a permit issued by the park superintendent.

National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

Hunting is prohibited in National Wildlife Areas (NWAs) and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBSs) unless a special federal permit is granted or notices to the contrary are posted. Blue signs depicting a loon mark the boundaries of NWAs and MBSs. Contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta for more information (604) 946-8643.

OPEN SEASONS

There is No Open Season for Any Wildlife – Except as Indicated in this Synopsis.

To define open seasons for big game, small game and game birds the province is divided into Management Units (MUs). Hunting seasons are shown in regional schedules on the following pages. All season dates shown are inclusive.

Where an open season does not apply to the entire Management Unit a reference is given to maps showing the area and describing the applicable regulation. Published seasons in this Synopsis cease to be in effect in any area closed by the Ministry of Forests and are in effect for the duration of the forest closure order. Hunting season dates may only be changed by order of the Minister in unusual circumstances. Such changes will be given local publicity.

Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas

•Hunting or the discharge of firearms, bows or crossbows is prohibited in the majority of Provincial Parks or Recreation Areas. Only those parks and recreation areas listed in the following regional schedules are open to hunting and/or the discharge of firearms, and only during the legal hunting season as described in the schedules.

•When a Park or Recreation Area is closed to hunting or there is no open season for any species, both the possession and discharge of a firearm, bow or crossbow are prohibited except when authorized by a park officer, or except when such weapons are carried within a vehicle.

•The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in Parks and Recreation Areas except where specifically authorized. All motor vehicles on park roads must be licenced. Use of air-

craft to arrive at or depart from some parks is restricted.

•It is prohibited to hunt or discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow in a Provincial Park or Recreation Area within 400 metres of either side of the centre line of any park road or highway except as authorized by a park officer, unless otherwise stated in the Hunting Regulations Synopsis for a specific road. Contact any district office of B.C. Parks for further information, or consult Schedule A of the Park and Recreation Regulations.

•Individuals hunting in a Provincial Park or Recreation Area should be aware that the *Park Act* and Park Regulations apply.

•Note: Protected areas that have been established since the deadline for changes to the hunting regulations for 1996 - 97 (February 1996) will have no change to their status unless specified in these regulations.

Ecological Reserves

•Hunting, trapping and fishing are prohibited in Ecological Reserves in British Columbia. The possession or discharge of a firearm, bow or crossbow is prohibited. A complete list of Ecological Reserves including detailed maps and legal descriptions is available from any district office of B.C. Parks, or from BC Parks headquarters at 2-800 Johnston Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

Municipal Restrictions

•Most municipalities have local bylaws restricting and controlling the use of firearms within their boundaries. Consult municipal clerks for details of closures. B.C. Environment publishes the Fraser Valley Special Area brochure which depicts provincial and municipal firearms regulations in the Fraser Valley.

Limited Entry Hunting

Limited Entry Hunting seasons are open only to hunters who have drawn the appropriate Limited Entry authorization. Limited Entry Hunting seasons and open seasons may coincide for some species in some management units if: a) the class of animal (sex, age, etc.) is different, or b) a portion of the management unit is available for LEH only.

Maps showing LEH zones for seasons that coincide with open seasons are included in this Synopsis for reference. Hunters should refer to the Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis published each spring for specific LEH maps.

Licence Requirements

•Anyone wishing to hunt or carry firearms in B.C. must obtain the required licence. To be eligible to obtain a resident hunting licence, a person must make his/her home in British Columbia and be present in the Province for six months in the 12 months immediately before applying for the licence. A member of the R.C.M.P., or Canadian Armed Services enrolled in continuing full-time military service, is eligible to obtain a resident hunting licence after making his/her home in British Columbia for 30 days immediately before applying for the licence.

•A B.C. resident 14 years of age or older must produce a B.C. Resident Hunter Number Card to purchase a Resident Hunting Licence.

1. A Hunter Number Card may be obtained by the successful completion of the C.O.R.E. (Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education) examinations or other North American government sponsored hunter safety training program completed while resident in that state or province.
2. A Hunter Number Card can also be obtained by an applicant who produces a document issued by a province or state showing that the person has previously held a resident hunting licence legally issued to the person in British Columbia or another province of Canada or a state of the United States on or after their 10th birthday.
3. A person 14 years of age and under 19 must apply for a hunting licence in person in the presence of a parent or guardian, who must sign an "Acknowledgement of Responsibility" for his/her son, daughter or ward. Hunters under the age of 19 must be accompanied and closely supervised while hunting by a person who is 19 years of age or older and who holds a hunting licence.
 - No one under the age of 10 may hunt or carry a firearm.
 - When a B.C. resident who is 10, 11, 12, 13 years old or older completes C.O.R.E., he or she is entitled to a B.C. Resident Hunter Number Card, and to have a bag limit of his or her own, to purchase a hunting licence, and to enter the limited entry hunting draw.

4. A Junior Hunting Licence can only be issued to a parent or guardian on behalf of his/her child or ward who is 10 years of age or older and under the age of 14. The junior hunter need not have completed a hunter training program but must be accompanied and under the close personal supervision of an adult who carries the proper licences. Wildlife taken by the junior under this licence is included in the bag limit of the accompanying licenced adult. No species licences may be purchased with the junior licence. However, during a hunting season, a licenced junior hunter may accompany and hunt with an adult holding a valid Limited Entry Hunting authorization and a valid species licence.

5. Non-residents' qualifications for a Junior Hunting Licence are the same as in (4.) with the exception that they may not hunt for a species for which a Limited Entry Hunting authorization has been issued to the accompanying adult.

•Indians as defined under the *Indian Act* (Canada) who are residents of British Columbia are not required to obtain any type of hunting licence. Indians, however, are not exempt from the requirements of Compulsory Reporting/Inspection nor are they exempt from the requirements of the Limited Entry Hunting regulations.

Licence Availability

•Resident hunting licences are available at all Government Agents' Offices, and other commercial outlets and sporting goods stores. Non-resident hunting licences are only available from some Regional B.C. Environment Offices, Government Agents, and Wildlife Branch, 3 - 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4. Non-residents may also obtain their licences by mail.

•Duplicates for misplaced, lost, stolen or accidentally destroyed licences are only available from Government Agents' offices for a fee of \$10.00 for the declaration of the lost licence, plus a duplicate licence fee. **DO NOT** purchase another original licence from a sporting goods store or similar non-government licence issuer, as this will automatically show on our records that you have been issued more than the legal limit of current licences which is an offence under *Wildlife Act* regulations.

Hunting Licence Fees

•The following fees apply province-wide. Additional licence requirements are indicated under certain regional schedules.

- A person to carry a firearm (5 year)\$20.00
- A resident of British Columbia
 - to hunt all game and carry firearms 21.00★
 - who is a Canadian citizen 65 years of age or over to hunt all game and carry firearms7.00★
- A resident of Canada (not British Columbia), or a Canadian citizen
 - to hunt all game and carry firearms46.00★
- A non-resident
 - to hunt all game and carry firearms145.00★
- A person to hunt in the Fraser Valley Special Area
 - See Map B910.00
- A person to hunt in the Gulf Islands Special Area
 - All islands in MU 1-1 except Vancouver Island 2.00
- A junior hunting licence - to a person 10 years of age or older and under 147.00★
- Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit12.00
- Duplicate Hunting and Species Licences
 - To a person who can satisfactorily prove his hunting and/or species licences have been lost or destroyed (an affidavit is required) For:
 - Senior Citizens, Gulf Islands and Junior 2.00
 - All Others 5.00
 - Q.C.I. Deer15.00

★includes surcharge for the HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND
prices do not include G.S.T.

Migratory Birds

When hunting migratory game birds, you must carry with you a valid Canadian Migratory Game Bird hunting permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence. The permit is available at the Post Office.

Species Licence Fees

• Species licences are required for the hunting of the following animals and are required in addition to the basic hunting licences.

-BIG GAME-

	B.C. Resident	Non-B.C. Resident
Black Bear	20.00★	130.00★
Caribou*	20.00	150.00
Cougar*	30.00	150.00
Deer (mule and white tailed)	15.00	75.00
Elk	25.00	150.00
Grizzly Bear*	80.00★	530.00★
Moose	25.00	150.00
Mountain Goat*	30.00	200.00
Mountain Sheep*	50.00	400.00
Wolf	No Licence Required	25.00

Any person who kills any of the above big game species must immediately cancel the appropriate species licence.

**Licences for these species are not valid until the second day after the date of issue.*

***includes surcharge for the HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND**

-SMALL GAME-

	B.C. Resident	Non-B.C. Resident
Combined Bobcat/Lynx/Wolverine*	8.00	25.00
Upland Game		
Birds	No Licence Required	25.00

** Licence cancellation is not required for combined Bobcat/Lynx/Wolverine licence.*

• All hunting and species licences expire March 31, 1997.

Bowhunters

Bowhunters are asked to ensure that the box on their resident hunting licence counterfoil, indicating that they are bowhunters, is filled in at the time of issue by the licence issuer.

Deer Licence Entitlement

• A person must not possess more than 10 of any current deer licences. The combination of deer licences may include a maximum of 3 mule deer and/or 3 white-tailed deer licences.

Queen Charlotte Islands Deer Licence

• These special deer tags allow hunters to exceed the 1 deer bag limit for the Skeena Region and the 3 deer provincial bag limit up to a maximum of 10 deer when hunting on the Queen Charlotte Islands (MUs 6-12, 6-13). Up to 3 regular mule deer licences can be used on the Queen Charlottes but they will count toward the regional and provincial bag limits. (For example, if a mule deer licence is used in MU 6-12 or 6-13 a hunter will be prevented from pursuing deer elsewhere in the Skeena Region and it will count towards the 3-deer provincial bag limit).

B.C. Resident Hunter Number

• It is important for the Wildlife Branch to have your current mailing address recorded with your Resident Hunter Number. To assist wildlife management programs, we contact you throughout the year to determine your hunting activity and success. Please inform us of any change in your address/telephone number or name. Write (quoting your Resident Hunter Number) to: Hunter Number, Wildlife Branch, B.C. Environment, 3 - 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

Hunting Methods

Archery Hunting

• Bows and arrows and crossbows and bolts (quarrels) may be used for hunting all big game, small game and game birds except that a crossbow is prohibited when hunting migratory game birds. The following restrictions apply to the use of bows and crossbows province-wide. Check regional schedules for open seasons and additional restrictions.

Crossbows

1. No person shall hunt big game, other than deer, with a crossbow (does not include compound crossbows) having a pull of less than 68 kg (150 lbs.) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing less than 16.2 grams (250 grains).

2. No person shall hunt deer, small game, or game birds with a crossbow (does not include compound crossbows) having a pull of less than 55 kg (120 lbs.) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing less than 16.2 grams (250 grains).
3. No person shall hunt wildlife with a compound crossbow having a pull of less than 45 kg (100 lbs.) at a peak weight or bolt weighing less than 16.2 grams (250 grains).
4. No person shall hunt big game with a crossbow having a bolt (quarrel) other than one having a broadhead of at least 2.22 centimetres (7/8 of an inch) at the widest point.

Long Bow and Arrow

- No person shall hunt big game with a long bow having a pull of less than 18kg (40 lbs.) within the archer's draw length and an arrow other than one having a broadhead at least 2.22 centimetres (7/8 of an inch) at the widest point.
- No person shall hunt small game with a long bow having a pull of less than 18kg (40 lbs) within the archer's draw length.

Falconry

• Licenced falconers may hunt game birds (migratory and upland) by the use or with the aid of raptors throughout the Province during the regular open season subject to the applicable bag limits as indicated in the regional schedules.

Muzzle Loaders

• A muzzle loader containing powder and shot in the barrel but UNPRIMED (ie. no powder in the pan of a flint lock or no cap in the nipple of a percussion lock) does not constitute a loaded firearm under the *Wildlife Act*. Federal Legislation may be different.

Dogs

• The use of dogs is permitted in the hunting of all game, but dogs must be on a leash when used to hunt deer, elk, moose, wolf, mountain sheep, mountain goat and caribou. Unleashed dogs may be used to hunt small game, grizzly bear, black bear or cougar. Any person may train dogs by allowing them, under supervision, to pursue game birds from August 1 to April 30.

Retrieval

- No person shall kill, cripple or wound game without making all reasonable effort to retrieve and include it in his bag limit. The retrieved game shall be killed immediately and included in the hunter's bag limit.
- It is lawful for a person to retrieve a dead or injured game animal with the assistance of a power boat provided no person in the power boat is in possession of a loaded firearm.

Compulsory Inspection and Reporting

For Designated Compulsory Inspection Centres, see Regional Map pages.

Information required for Compulsory Reporting and Inspection include:

1. the hunter's name, address, telephone number, and Hunter Number,
2. the location where the animal was taken,
3. the date the animal was taken,
4. the sex of the animal taken, and
5. the licences under which the animal was taken.

See LEH synopsis for additional requirements.

Compulsory Inspection

Except as noted, all compulsory inspected species must be submitted to an official of B.C. Environment for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for management (ie. tooth) within 10 days of the kill.

The following species of game must be submitted to a regional or sub-regional compulsory inspection centre:

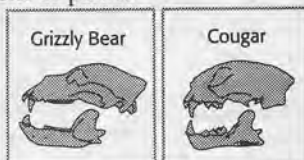
- grizzly bear
- cougar
- mountain goat
- mountain sheep
- elk taken in Region 7B (Peace) or Region 8 (Okanagan)

1. Persons who gain the written approval from a Conservation Officer, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician or Official of B.C. Environment prior to hunting can submit such animals for inspection within 10 days after the last day of the hunt.
2. Persons who use the services of a licenced guide for the purpose of hunting a grizzly bear, mountain goat or mountain sheep can submit such animals for inspection within 10 days after the last day of the continuous season in which the animal was taken (i.e. a grizzly bear killed in the fall must be submitted after the end of the fall hunting season).
3. Persons who take a cougar in the Kootenay Region must submit the animal for inspection to an official of B.C. Environment in the Kootenay Region within 4 days of the kill.

- Parts Required -

For grizzly bear and for cougar:

- the skull and the hide bearing
- in the case of males, a testicle or part of the penis, or
- in the case of females, a portion of the teats or mammary gland.



For mountain sheep (ie. Dall's, Stone's, California or Rocky Mountain):

- the portion of the skull including the nasal bones, the eye-socket, the horns and the associated connective bone structure, and
- the horns for insertion of a numbered aluminum plug by an officer.

Mountain Sheep
(Bighorn & Thinhorn)



For mountain goat:

- the horns.

Mountain Goat



For elk taken in Region 7B (Peace) and Region 8 (Okanagan):

- an incisor (front) tooth, and - for males, the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull, or - for females, the upper portion of the skull or a portion of the teats or mammary gland.

Compulsory Reporting

A person who takes or kills the following species in any Management Unit:

- caribou
- lynx
- wolverine
- bobcat
- moose in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A (Omineca) or 8, or
- wolf in MUs 1-1 to 1-13 or in Region 4, or
- mule (black-tailed) deer in MUs 5-1, 5-2, 5-8 and 5-11 during the December Archery Only season

must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report in person or by mail:

1. their name, address, telephone number and Hunter Number,
2. the location where the animal was killed,
3. the date the animal was killed,
4. the sex of the animal taken, and
5. by submitting, for a caribou, moose or mule (black-tailed deer), an incisor (front) tooth in a Harvest Data Tooth return envelope to a B.C. Environment regional office.

Note: A person authorized to trap is exempt from the requirements noted above with respect to a bobcat, lynx or wolverine taken by trapping.

Bag Limits and Possession Limits

• Season bag limits for big game and small game and daily bag limits for game birds are shown in the regional schedules following the date of the open season for the species.

• The bag limits are printed in bold type. NBL means No Bag Limit. An entry such as "2(1)" used for ungulates means the season bag limit is two animals of that species, one of which may be antlerless. An entry such as "10(20)" for game birds means the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit while hunting or returning from hunting is 20.

• The following list indicates the maximum number of species which a hunter may take in the province in one licence year (April 1 to March 31). Exceptions to the Provincial bag limits may apply to some species in some regions. Provincial bag limits may be achieved by hunting in one or more regions provided the regional bag limits are not exceeded.

SPECIES	BAG LIMIT	SPECIES	BAG LIMIT
Deer	3*	Coyote	NBL*
Moose	1*	Raccoon	NBL*
Elk	1*	Skunk	NBL
Black Bear	2*	Fox	NBL
Grizzly Bear	1	Wolverine	1
Mountain Sheep	1	Lynx	1*
Mountain Goat	1	Bobcat	5*
Cougar	2*	Snowshoe	
Wolf	3	Hare	10/day
Caribou	1*	Turkey	1

*see regional schedules for regional bag limits.

The daily bag limit for ducks in aggregate is 8, except for restricted species:

- pintail, goldeneye and canvasback.

The daily bag limit for canvasback is 1, northern pintail is 1 and goldeneyes is 2. Please also see regional schedules.

The daily bag limit for all geese in aggregate is 5, except in Region 2. Please see Regional bag limit.

The possession limit for all migratory game birds while hunting or returning from hunting is two times the daily limit.

The possession limit for all upland game birds while hunting or returning from hunting is three times the daily limit except for mourning doves, sharp-tailed grouse and pheasants (Region 4 only) where the possession limit is two times the daily limit.

- Penalties - Violators Be Warned!

- We will be tough with violators of our conservation laws and invaluable wildlife resource!
 - If you are convicted of an offense under the *Wildlife Act* of British Columbia or the regulations, or the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (Canada), *Canada Wildlife Act*, or the Criminal Code (respecting the possession or use of firearms while hunting), you may:
 - have your hunting and/or firearm licence(s) cancelled for an automatic minimum period that can range from one to five years.
 - upon consideration by the Director, Wildlife Branch, for offences that do not carry an automatic licence cancellation, have your hunting/firearm licence(s) cancelled for a period of from one to ten years;
 - be liable to a fine which for certain offences will range between \$200 and \$10,000, rising to between \$1,000 and \$50,000 for repeats of these offences, and for other offences to a fine of not more than \$5,000, rising to between \$500 and \$10,000 for repeats of these offences;
 - be liable to a term of imprisonment of up to six months.
- You should also be aware that:**
- If you are convicted of an offence under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (Canada), you will have your migratory game bird permit cancelled automatically;
 - If you are convicted of two wildlife or firearm offences within a period of two years, your hunting and firearm licences will be cancelled for an automatic minimum period of one year;
 - **If you do not pay any fine(s) imposed for wildlife offence(s), all licences, permits and limited entry hunting authorizations issued to you under the *Wildlife Act* will be cancelled and will remain cancelled until the fine(s) is/are paid.**

FIREARMS Acquisition CERTIFICATE

All persons (except those under the close personal supervision of a licenced person 19 years of age or older) are required to obtain a Firearms Acquisition Certificate before taking possession of a gun whether they plan to buy, borrow or trade to obtain it. Application forms are available at firearms dealers or from local police. For further information, consult your local Police.

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education C.O.R.E.

- C.O.R.E. is an educational program designed to ensure that prospective new hunters meet acceptable standards of knowledge and skill for safe and ethical participation in hunting.
- Although not compulsory, classroom instruction in C.O.R.E. is recommended and may be obtained through courses in adult education, community colleges, rod and gun clubs or advertisements. The written examination is based on: Ethics, Firearms Safety, Regulations, First Aid and Survival, and Animal and Bird Identification. There is a \$7.00 fee for each of the written and practical examinations payable to the examiner.
- The course requires about 21 hours of self study and practice using the C.O.R.E. manual. Information on how to obtain the C.O.R.E. manual and lists of volunteer C.O.R.E. examiners are available from the offices of the Government Agent or B.C. Environment.

For a Bowhunter Education Program course recognized throughout North America contact:

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604-985-3093

or

Rick Paquette
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604-392-6470

Aboriginal Hunting

The first priority of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks is to ensure the long-term conservation of wildlife populations and their habitats. The Ministry also recognizes that in some circumstances aboriginal people have legal rights to harvest wildlife for sustenance (food, social and ceremonial purposes) in their traditional areas. Such uses of wildlife must be sustainable, and harvesting methods must not jeopardize safety or the use and enjoyment of property. Any hunting of wildlife species for sale or barter, in whole or in part, is not legal, except as authorized by regulation or specific provision in a treaty. For more information please contact Aboriginal Affairs Branch at (604) 387-9091.

Special Notice Grizzly Bear or Black Bear

There is no open season on any two year old or younger bear (grizzly bear or black bear) or any bear in its company. Do not shoot any grizzly bear or black bear when observed in a family unit. There is no open season on white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear. If you shoot an ear-tagged or radio collared bear, contact a BC Environment Office immediately for important information.

All Grizzly bear hunting is on LEH

REGION I Vancouver Island

MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 3rd edition.

Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97
The regional bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is reduced from 3 to 2, and the cougar bag limit for the South Island is increased from 1 to 2.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

- * ☆ Nanaimo: 2569 Kenworth Rd., V9T 4P7, 751-3100
- * ☆ Victoria: 3-780 Blanshard St., V8V 1X4, 387-9717

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

- * ★ Campbell River: 101-370 S. Dogwood St., V9W 6Y7, 286-7630
- * ★ Duncan: 5785 Duncan St., V9L 5G2, 746-1236
- * ★ Port Alberni: 4515 Elizabeth St., V9Y 6L5, 724-9290
- * ★ Port Hardy: 8785 Gray St., Bag 11000, V0N 2P0, 949-2800
- * ★ Victoria: Suite 103-3179 Jacklin Rd., V8V 1X4, 474-5544

- ☆ 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
- ★ by appointment only
- * CITES permits available
- ⊕ Facilities are limited. Victoria hunters are requested to have animals inspected in the region of the hunt, if possible.

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Bag Limits

•**Deer:** The bag limit for buck mule (black-tailed) deer is two in MU 1-1 to 1-15. The bag limit for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is one in MU 1-1. See Maps A14, A15, A20, A21, and A30.

•**Grouse:** The daily aggregate bag limit for blue and ruffed grouse is 10.

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

• In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all wolf taken in MU's 1-1 to 1-13 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Notice to Hunters

- **No Shooting or No Hunting Areas:** Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 80-81.
- The use of rifles for hunting is prohibited in MU 1-1 except on Valdes Island, Sidney Island (permitted only outside the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park and above the high water mark), and except by permit elsewhere. See Map A2.
- No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situate in MU 1-6).
- Qualicum National Wildlife Area (situate in MU 1-6) - Hunting, trapping, fishing and the possession of any firearm (Canada Wildlife Act) are prohibited in this area. For further details contact the Canadian Wildlife Service office in Delta (Phone: 604-946-8546).
- The Vancouver Island Marmot is protected and should not be disturbed in its natural habitat. In order to protect the habitat for the Vancouver Island marmots, motor vehicles are prohibited in Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain.
- Nanaimo/Qualicum Bays (situate in MUs 1-5 and 1-6) - Waterfowl hunters will be required to obey special access restrictions while hunting in these areas. Additional enforcement will be carried out by the Conservation Officer Service during the open season.
- There is a cougar study underway in the Adam and Eve River watersheds (MU 1-10). Hunters are requested to avoid shooting collared cougars. See Collared Wildlife section on page 80.
- The use of raptors for hunting is permitted in Vancouver Island Region during all bow and arrow seasons. Licenced falconers may hunt waterfowl, pheasant and quail on the Saanich

Peninsula during the regular open seasons for MU 1-1. See Map A1.

- On Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park, the open season for antlered and antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer and fallow deer is August 24 to February 28/97. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land on Sidney Island. See Map A2.
- Deer hunting is prohibited within the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park (situate in MU 1-1) except for LEH (October 16 - February 28/97) and native sustenance hunt for fallow/black-tailed deer. See Map A2.
- The discharge of a rifle using a single projectile is prohibited within the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park, and between the mean high water mark and the mean low water mark of Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of the Park.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 25 metres on either side of the midline of Westean Terminals Road east of Indian Reserve #9 and 25 m seaward from, and including the paved area of Westcan Terminals Port site (situate in MU 1-4). See Map A10.
- Gulf Islands Special Licence Hunting Area: All persons hunting on an island in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Licence. Evidence of \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while in the field for the regular hunting season will be required.
- The Gulf Islands are largely comprised of private lands. Hunters are reminded that they must obtain consent from owners before hunting on private land.

Parks and Recreation Areas

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

- Bligh Island Prov. Park (MU 1-12)
- Brooks Peninsula Park (MU 1-12)
- Cape Scott Park (waterfowl only) (MU 1-13)
- Carmanah Walbran Prov. Park (MU 1-3)
- Catala Island Marine Prov. Park (MU 1-12)

- Claude Elliot Prov. Park (MU 1-10)
- Clayoquot Arm Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Clayoquot Plateau Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Dawley Passage Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Epper Passage Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Flores Island Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- God's Pocket Marine Prov. Park (MU 1-13)
- Hesquiat Lake Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Hesquiat Peninsula Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Gibson Marine Park (waterfowl only) (shotguns only) (MU 1-8)
- Lower Nimpkish Prov. Park (MU 1-11)
- Marble River Prov. Park (MU 1-13)
- Nimpkish Lake Prov. Park (MU 1-11)
- Octopus Island Marine Park (waterfowl only) (shotguns only) (MU 1-15)
- Quatsino Prov. Park (MU 1-13)
- Sandy Island Park (shotguns only) (MU 1-6)
- Schoen Lake Park (MU 1-10, 1-11)
- Sidney Spit Marine Park: (waterfowl) LEH (during the period Oct 16 - Feb 28/97) and native sustenance hunt for fallow/black-tailed deer (shotguns with shot or slugs, or muzzle loaders only) (MU 1-1) See Map A2. Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited on Transport Canada lands located within the exterior boundaries of the park except for the LEH deer hunt from Oct 16 - Feb 28/97.
- Sooke Mountain Park (MU 1-2)
- Sulphur Passage Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Sydney Inlet Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Tahsish-Kwois Prov. Park (MU 1-12)
- Thurston Bay Marine Park (waterfowl only) (shotguns only) (MU 1-15)
- Tranquil Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- Vargas Island Prov. Park (MU 1-8)
- White Ridge Prov. Park (MU 1-9)

Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms. All Regional District Parks are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

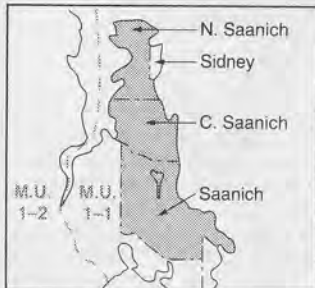
The following parks are closed to hunting and the discharge of firearms. However hunters are permitted to carry unloaded firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the park between Aug 24 and May 15:

- Chemainus River Prov. Park (MU 1-5)
- Koksilah River Prov. Park (MU 1-4)
- Little Qualicum Falls Prov. Park (MU 1-5)
- Morton Lake Prov. Park (MU 1-10)

Vancouver Island

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	I-1 to I-15	Bucks	Sept 7 - Dec 10	2
	☆ I-1	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
Archery Only Season	★ I-1 to I-15	Bucks	Aug 24 - Sept 6	2
☆ Excludes Saltspring Island. ★ There is no bow and arrow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 (except Gabriola Island) or Zone B of MU I-5. See Map A17. See Special Area Maps				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	I-14, I-15		Sept 7 - Nov 30	1
BLACK BEAR	I-1 to I-15		Sept 7 - Dec 10	2
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1/97 - June 15/97	2
Archery Only Season	I-1 to I-15		Aug 24 - Sept 6	2
There is no bow and arrow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 or in zone B of MU I-5. See Map A17.				
WOLF	I-1 to I-15		Sept 1 - June 15/97	3
All wolf taken in MUs I-1 to I-13 must be reported to a B.C. Environment office in Region 1 within 30 days of the date of kill.				
COUGAR	I-1 to I-15		Nov 15 - June 15/97	2
RACCOON	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - Mar 31/97	10
SNOWSHOE HARE	I-14, I-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
OPOSSUM, SKUNK	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - Mar 31/97	NBL
A person who kills an opossum is requested to submit the carcass to an officer of the Wildlife Program at a regional or district office and provide the following information: location of the kill, date of kill and sex of animal.				
BLUE and RUFFED GROUSE	I-1 to I-15		Aug 31 - Dec 10	10(30)
	Archery Only Season	I-1 to I-15	Aug 24 - Aug 30	10(30)
There is no bow and arrow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 or in zone B of MU I-5. See Map A17.				
PTARMIGAN	I-14, I-15		Sept 7 - Nov 30	5(15)
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	I-1 to I-5		Oct 1 - Nov 15	5(15)
			No open season on mountain quail.	
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	I-1 to I-9		Oct 1 - Nov 15	2(6)
RAVEN	★ I-1		Apr 1 - Mar 31	5
★ Private lands on Saltspring Island only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	★ I-1 to I-13, I-15		Oct 12 - Jan 19/97	10(20)
	I-14		Sept 15 - Dec 15	10(20)
★ In Sidney Spit Marine Park, open season is Oct. 16 - Jan 19/97.				
DUCKS	★ I-1 to I-13, I-15		Oct 12 - Jan 19/97	8(16)
	I-14		Sept 15 - Dec 15	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8. ★ In Sidney Spit Marine Park, open season is Oct. 16 - Jan 19/97.				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	★ I-1 to I-13, I-15		Oct 12 - Jan 19/97	5(10)
	I-14		Sept 15 - Dec 15	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8. ★ In Sidney Spit Marine Park, open season is Oct. 16 - Jan 19/97.				
CANADA GEESE	I-1 to I-3, I-7 to I-13, I-15		Oct 12 - Jan 19/97	5(10)
	I-4		★ Sept 28 - Oct 27 and Nov 16 - Jan 19/97	5(10)
	I-5, I-6		Sept 14 - Oct 27 and Nov 16 - Jan 19/97	5(10)
	I-14		Sept 15 - Dec 15	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8. ★ In the Cowichan Bay Area, the early season is restricted to Sept 28 to Oct 11 and to the ex-Dinsdale property - hunting by permission only. See Map A10.				

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Map A1 Saanich No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU I-1). Bow hunting is permitted in Central Saanich, by permit only from municipal office. Licenced falconers may hunt waterfowl, pheasant and quail during the regular open season.

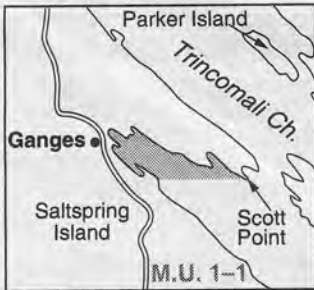


Map A2 Sidney Spit Marine Park exterior boundaries (situate in MU I-1).



Map A3 Mudge and Link Islands No Shooting or Hunting Area and DeCourcy Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU I-1).

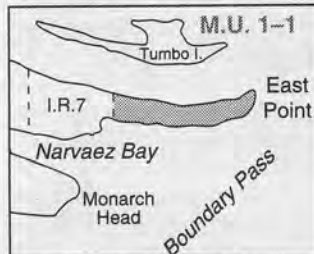
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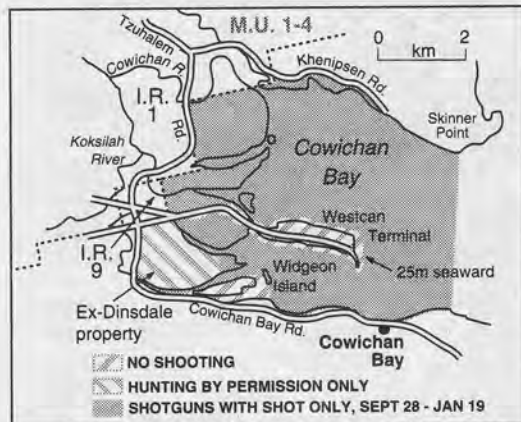
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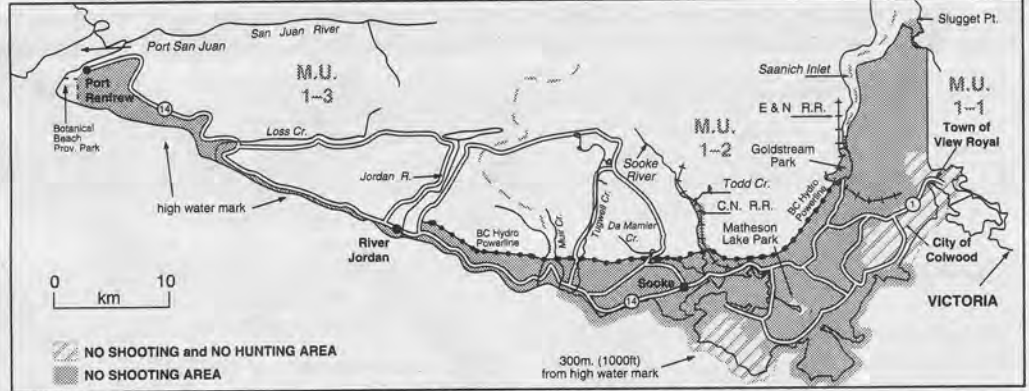
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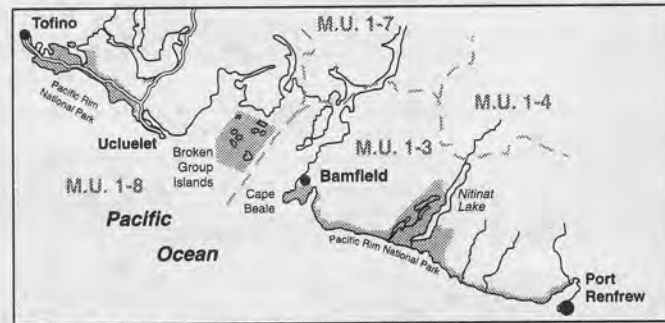
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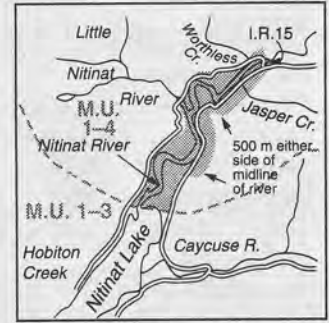
Map A10 Cowichan Bay Management Area (situate in MU 1-4). Seasonal No Shooting Area - Shotgun with Shot Only Area from Sept 28 to Jan 19/97. Hunting by Permission Only Area: for Canada Geese from Sept 28 to Oct 11 and from Jan 4/97 to Jan 19/97 (contact BC Environment, Duncan). The early season for Canada Geese (Sept 28 to Oct 11) is restricted to the Hunting by Permission Only Area.



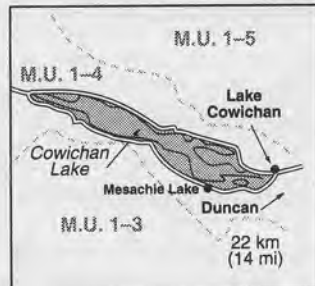
Map A7 Sooke - Metchosin Highlands - City of Colwood - Town of View Royal. No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



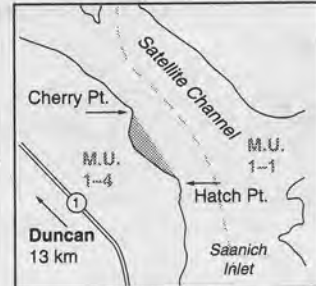
Map A8 Pacific Rim (West Coast) National Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 1-3 and 1-8).



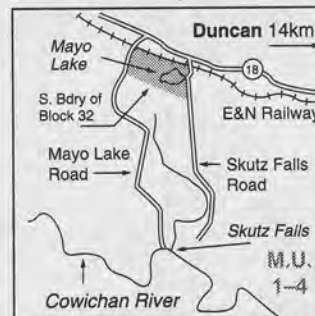
Map A9 Nitinat River No Shooting or Hunting Area. (situate in MU 1-4).



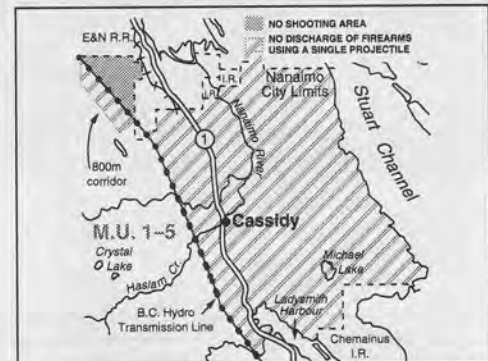
Map A11 Cowichan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



Map A12 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



Map A13 Mayo Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



Map A14 Nanaimo-Ladysmith No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. Michael Lake: No Shooting on Michael Lake to the high water mark. A special season east of the powerline for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 7 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 24 to Sept 6. Bag limit = 2(1).

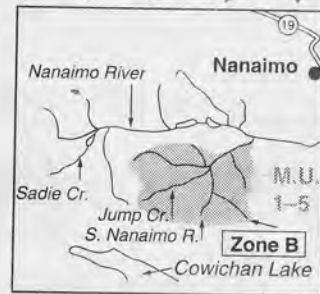
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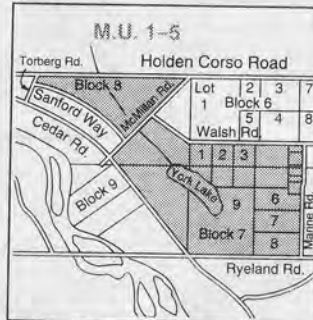
Map A15 Nanaimo - No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season east of the powerline for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 7 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 24 to Sept 6. Bag limit = 2(1).



Map A16 Englishman River No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-5).



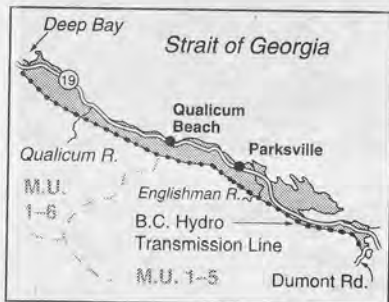
Map A17 Nanaimo River Closed Area during bow and arrow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles and ATV's prohibited from Sept 1 - Dec 31 (situate in MU 1-5).



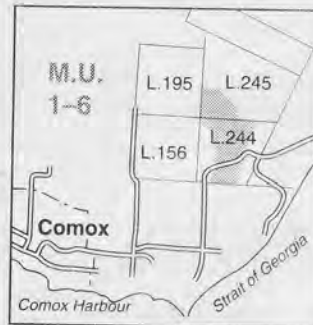
Map A18 York Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-5).



Map A19 Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6)



Map A20 Qualicum - Parksville Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MUs 1-5, 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 7 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 24 to Sept 6. Bag limit = 2(1).



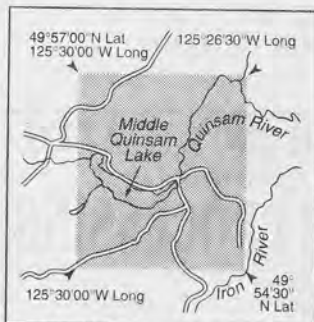
Map A22 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



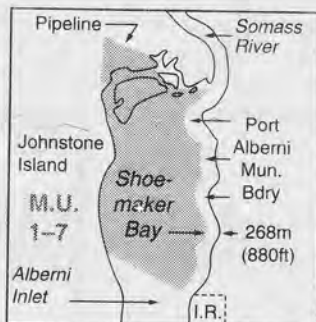
Map A21 Courtenay - Campbell River Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited, with the exception of those hunting under the authority of a Limited Entry Hunting Authorization during the lawful Limited Entry Elk hunting seasons. The special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 7 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 24 to Sept 6. Bag limit = 2(1).



Map A23 Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



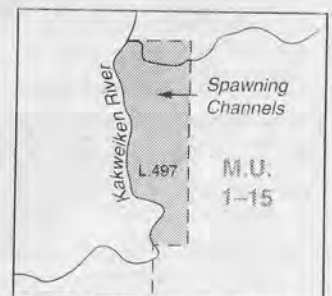
Map A24 Quinsam Coal Mine Site No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



Map A25 Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-7).



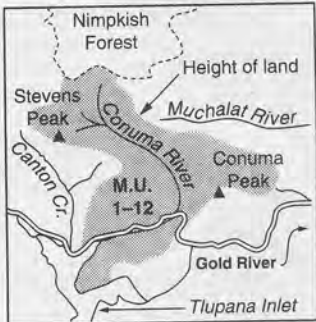
Map A26 Ucluelet Inlet No Shooting and No Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-8).



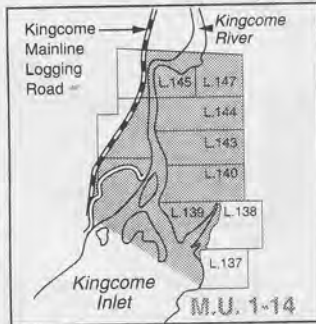
Map A27 Kakweiken River Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-15).

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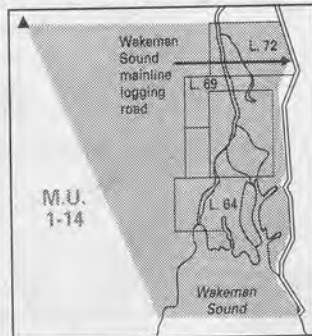
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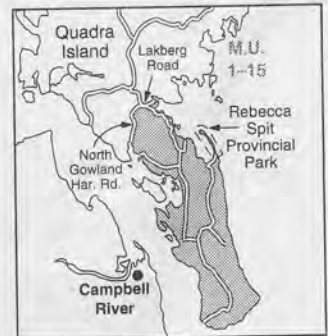
Map A28 Conuma River Archery Only Area (situate in MU 1-12). Open for Archery Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



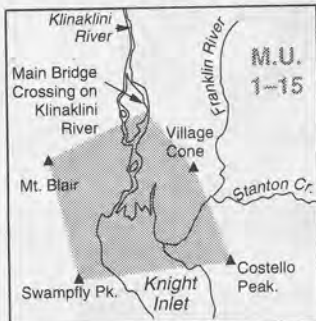
Map A29 Kingcome Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-14).



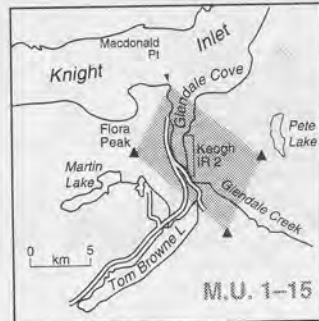
Map A30 Wakeman Sound Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-14).



Map A31 Quadra Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-15). Open for antlerless deer Sept 7 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 24 - Sept 6. Bag limit = 2(1).



Map A32 Knight Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-15).



Map A33 Glendale Cove Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-15).

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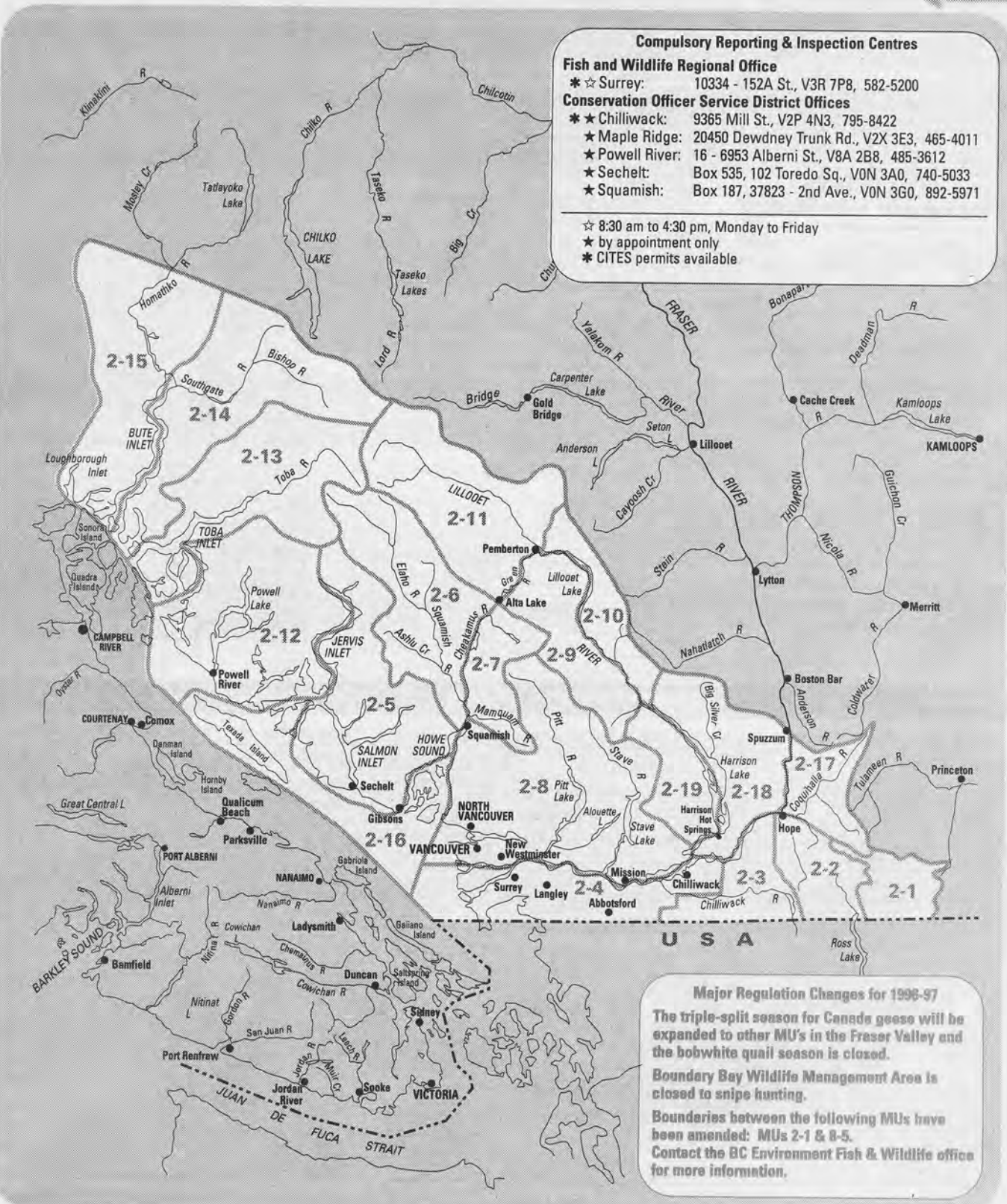
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REGION 2 Lower Mainland

MANAGEMENT UNITS



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Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
 ☆ Surrey: 10334 - 152A St., V3R 7P8, 582-5200

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Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

The triple-split season for Canada geese will be expanded to other MU's in the Fraser Valley and the bobwhite quail season is closed.

Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area is closed to snipe hunting.

Boundaries between the following MU's have been amended: MUs 2-1 & 8-5.

Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

Resource Management Region 2

Bag Limits

•**Deer:** Unless otherwise indicated, the bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, one of which may be antlerless.

•**Grouse:** The daily aggregate bag limit for blue, spruce (Franklin) and ruffed grouse is 10.

•**Black Bear:** In MUs 2-2, 2-18, 2-19 the bag limit for black bear is one(1). In other MUs the bag limit is two(2).

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

• See page 8 for provincial Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting requirements.

Notice to Hunters

• No person shall use lead shot for any purpose when discharging a firearm on any dyke or on the water side (seaward or river side) of any dyke in the municipality of Delta, or on any foreshore dyke facing Mud Bay in the city of Surrey.

• Fraser Valley Special Area - Hunters should take note of the special licence area in the Fraser Valley. Information is provided in detail on Map B9. A special Fraser Valley brochure with further information on open areas is available

where licences are purchased. These special licences are available through selected private outlets. For further information contact the Surrey office, BC Environment, 8:30-4:30, Monday to Friday (Phone: 604-582-5200).

• No Shooting Areas or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 80-81.

• Vancouver Harbour: The discharge of firearms is prohibited in Burrard Inlet east of a straightline drawn from Point Grey to Point Atkinson (Lighthouse Park).

• A small population of white tailed deer has become resident to the Herrling Island area (MU 2-3) near Hope, B.C. Hunters are reminded that there is no open season for white tailed deer in this area.

• Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area (MU 2-4) is closed to snipe hunting. This includes all foreshore areas seaward of the dykes surrounding Boundary, Mud and Semiahmoo Bays

Parks and Recreation Areas

• In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

Cascade Recreation Area (MU 2-17, 8-5)

Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area (MU 2-17)

Indian Arm Provincial Park (MU 2-8)

International Ridge Park (MU 2-3)

Pinecone Burke Provincial Park (MU 2-8)

Simson Marine Park (MU 2-16)

Skagit Valley Park (MU 2-2) is only open to the discharge of firearms from September 10 to March 31 during a lawful game hunting season.

• Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows. All Regional District Parks are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	2-2 to 2-15, 2-17 to 2-19	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	2
	2-16	★Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	2
	2-16	*Antlerless	Oct 25 - Nov 4	2
	2-16	Antlerless	Nov 5 - Nov 20	1
Archery Only Seasons	2-2 to 2-19	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	▲2-16	Either Sex	Dec 10 - Jan 15/97	3(2)
★ In those portions of MU 2-16 being Bowen Island and Texada Island, the bag limit for deer is 3(2). See Map B32 for special restrictions on Bowen Island. * Hunters must be under the age of 19. ▲Texada Island only.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	2-5		Sept 10 - Oct 15	1
	★2-6		Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	▼2-12 to 2-15		Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
★ See Map B14. ▼See Maps B26, B27.				
BLACK BEAR	2-3 to 2-17		Sept 10 - Dec 31	2
	2-3 to 2-17		Apr 1/97 - June 15/97	2
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 31	1
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Apr 1/97 - June 15/97	1
Archery Only Seasons	2-3 to 2-17		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	1

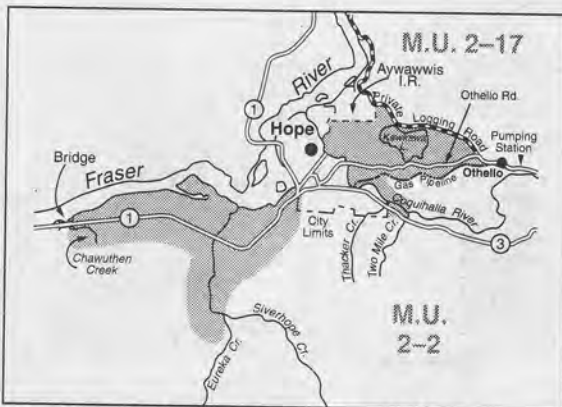
Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WOLF	2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	3
COYOTE	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	NBL
RACCOON, SKUNK	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	2-2 to 2-19		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
BOBCAT	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	5
COUGAR	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Mar 31/97	2
GROUSE BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 15	10(30)
Archery Only Season	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	10(30)
PTARMIGAN	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 15	5(15)
Archery Only Season	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	5(15)
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	2-4, 2-8		Oct 12 - Nov 12	2(6)
<i>Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.</i>				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19		Oct 12 - Jan 19/97	10(20)
	2-11		Sept 15 - Dec 25	10(20)
<i>Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area is closed to Snipe hunting. Consideration is being given to extend this closure to other foreshore areas (ie. Roberts and Sturgeon Banks) in future hunting seasons.</i>				
DUCKS	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19		Oct 12 - Jan 19/97	8(16)
	2-11		Sept 15 - Dec 25	8(16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8. See special area maps.</i>				
BRANT	2-4		Mar 1/97 - Mar 10/97	2(4)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE	2-4, 2-5		Oct 12 - Nov 24	5(10)
	2-4, 2-5		Feb 8/97 - Mar 10/97	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8. See special area maps.</i>				
CANADA GEESE	2-5 to 2-7, 2-9, 2-10, 2-12 to 2-17		Oct 12 - Jan 19/97	5(10)
	★2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Oct 12 - Oct 27	▲5(10)
	★2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Dec 7 - Jan 19/97	▲5(10)
	★2-2 to ★2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Feb 8/97 - Mar 10/97	▲5(10)
	2-11		Sept 15 - Dec 25	5(10)

★ The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8. See special area maps.

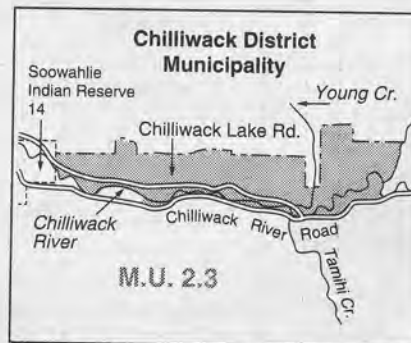
※ In MU 2-4 in the Municipality of Delta, the open season DOES NOT apply to the area within 100 metres of any dyke. The 100 metre restriction does not apply to that portion of Delta known as Westham Island.

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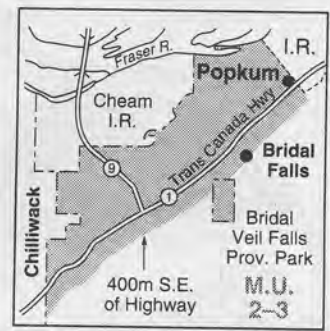
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Map B1 Hope No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-2, 2-17).



Map B2 Chilliwack Valley Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.

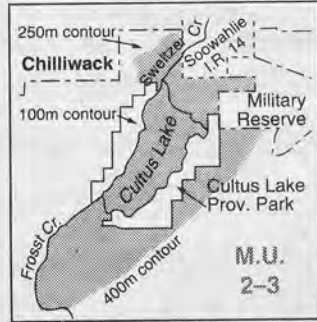


Map B3 Popkum No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3).

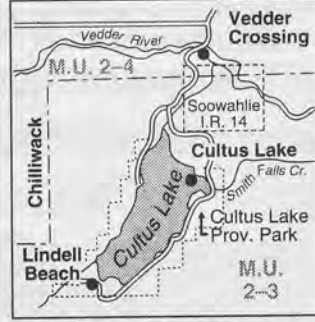
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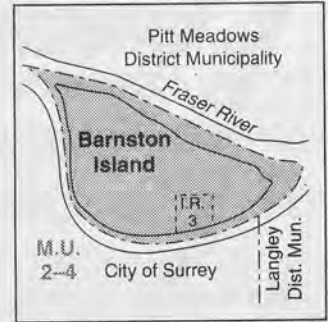
Map B4 Provincial Goal Camp No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3).



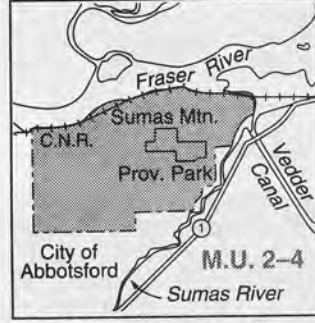
Map B5 Cultus Lake Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited. See also Map B6.



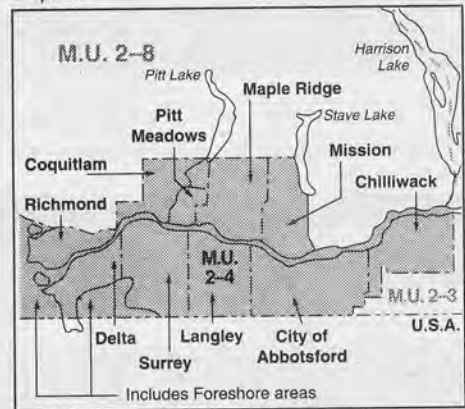
Map B6 Cultus Lake Seasonal No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms is prohibited from Feb 1 to Sept 30.



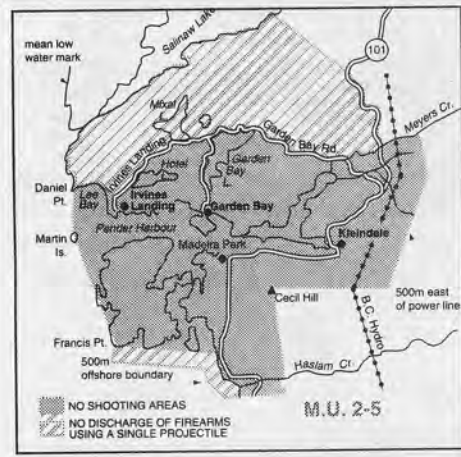
Map B7 Barnston Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-4). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



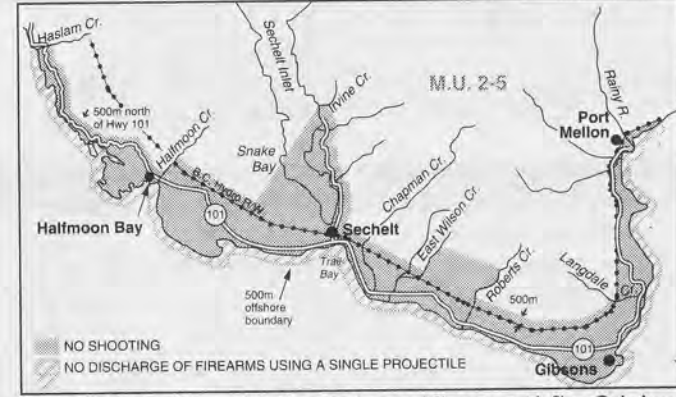
Map B8 Sumas Mountain No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-4).



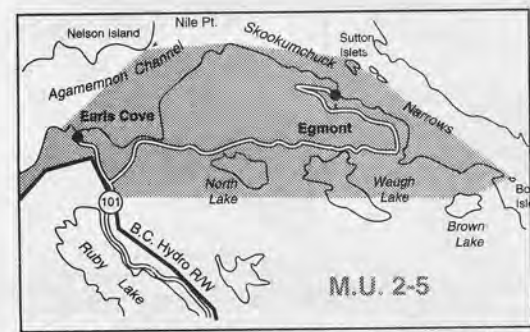
Map B9 Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (situate in MUs 2-4, 2-8). All persons hunting within those portions of MUs 2-4 and 2-8 known as the Municipalities of Richmond, Delta, Surrey (including offshore areas), Langley, City of Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Mission, Coquitlam and Electoral Area H of the Fraser Valley Regional District are required to purchase a Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting Licence (\$10.00) in addition to other Provincial licences and for hunting migratory game birds, the Migratory Bird Licence. Evidence of \$1,000,000.00 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while in the field for the regular hunting season will be required. Hunters are reminded to obtain a Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area Brochure prior to entering the field. The brochure provides notification of closures, hunting boundaries, etc., not shown in this synopsis.



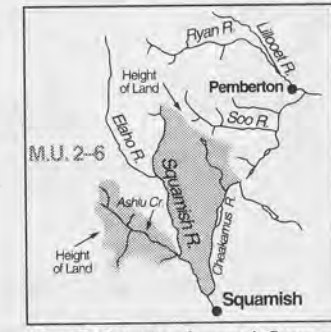
Map B10 Sechtel No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-5).



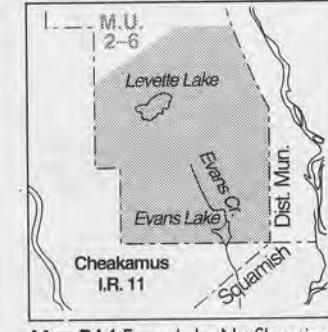
Map B11 Sechtel/Gibsons No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-5).



Map B12 Waugh Lake - Skookumchuck No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-5).

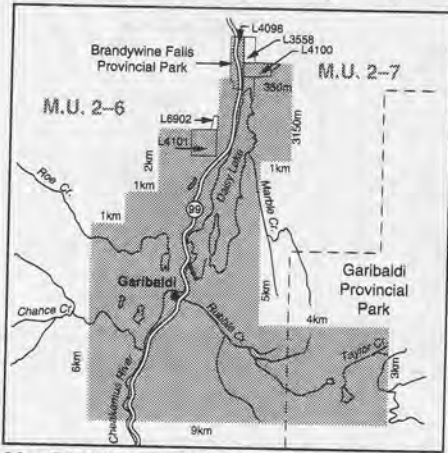


Map B13 Ashlu - Squamish Rivers Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 2-6).

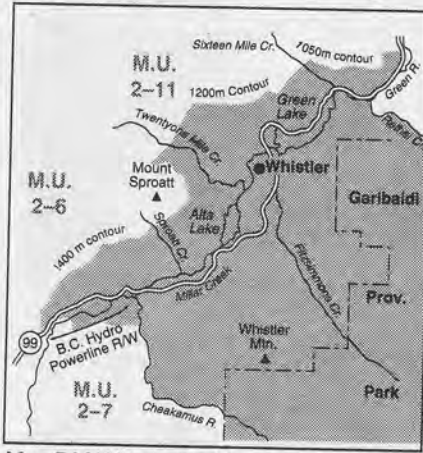


Map B14 Evans Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-6).

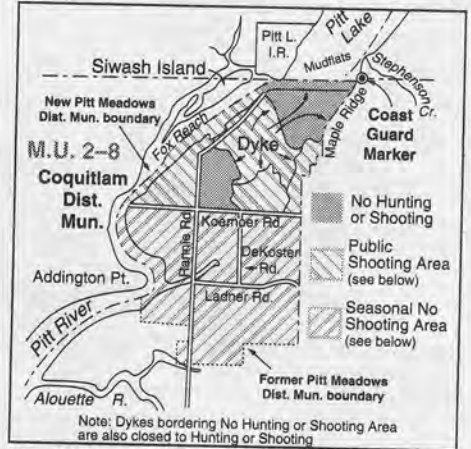
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Map B15 Garibaldi Civil Defence Zone. This is a high risk slide area. Persons who hunt or trap in this area do so at their own risk (situate in MUs 2-6 and 2-7).

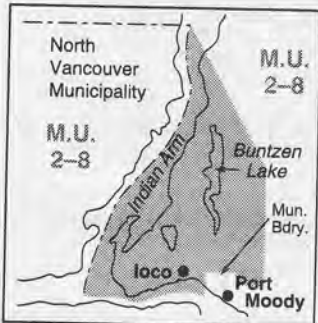


Map B16 Whistler No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 2-6, 2-7, 2-11).



Map B17 Pitt Wildlife Management Area (situate in MU 2-8). No Hunting or Shooting Area (year-round closure). Public Shooting Area: Shotguns with shot only. Hunting permitted on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from Oct 12 to Mar 10/97 for waterfowl hunting only. Seasonal No Shooting or Hunting Area: Shotguns with shot only from Sept 1 to Mar 10/97.

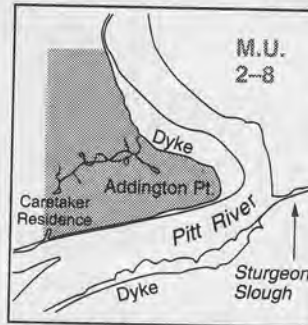
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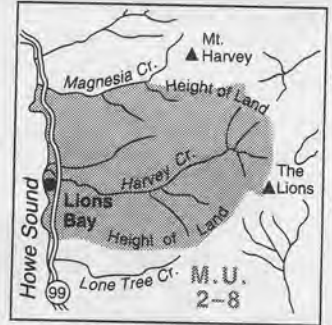
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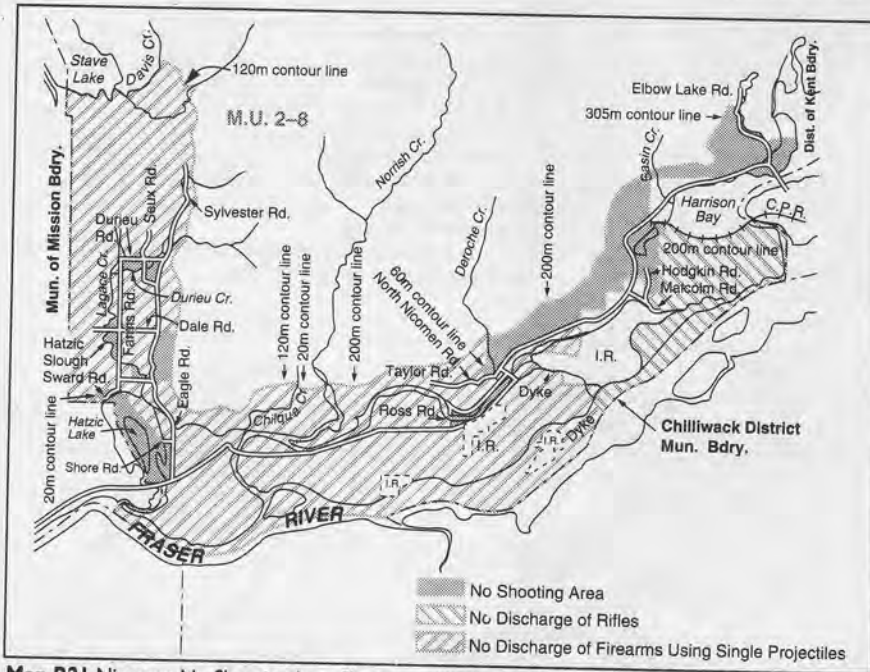
Map B19 Squamish No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-8).



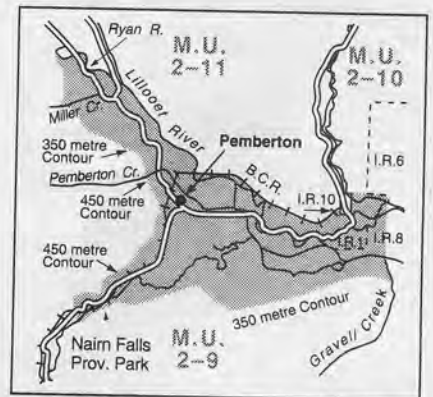
Map B20 Addington Marsh No shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 2-8).



Map B22 Lion's Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-8).

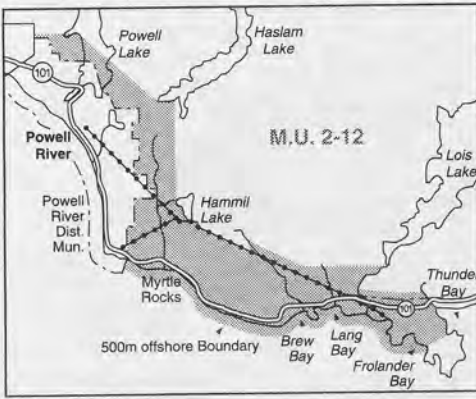


Map B21 Nicomen No Shooting Area, Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-8).

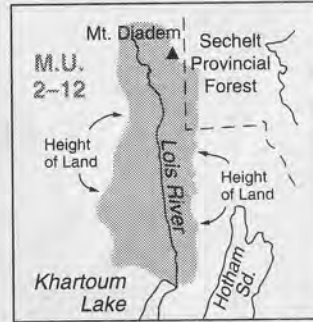


Map B23 Pemberton Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-9, 2-10, 2-11). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.

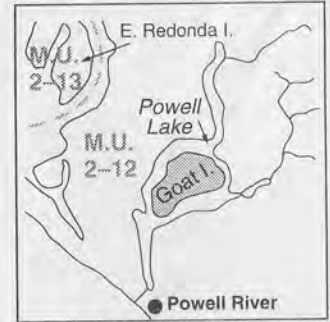
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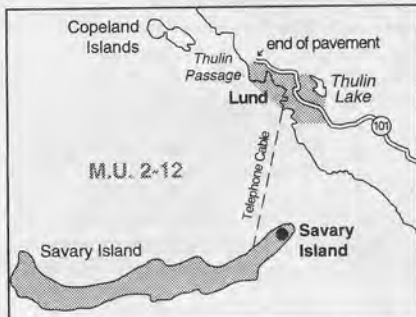
Map B24 Powell River Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-12). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



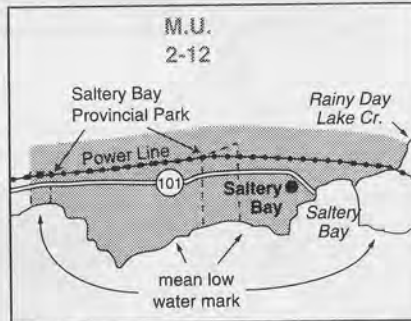
Map B25 Lois River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 2-12)



Map B26 Goat Island Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 2-12).



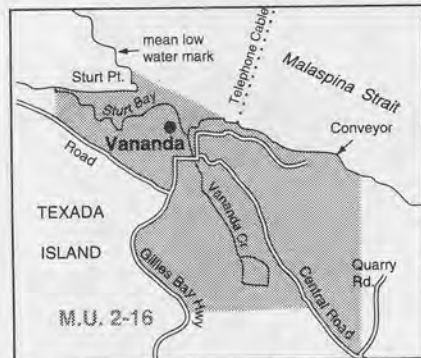
Map B27 Lund No Shooting Area and Savary Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-12).



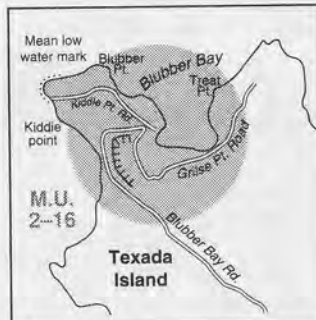
Map B28 Saltery Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-12).



Map B29 Keats Island (situate in MU 2-16). The discharge of rifles is prohibited.



Map B30 Vananda No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).

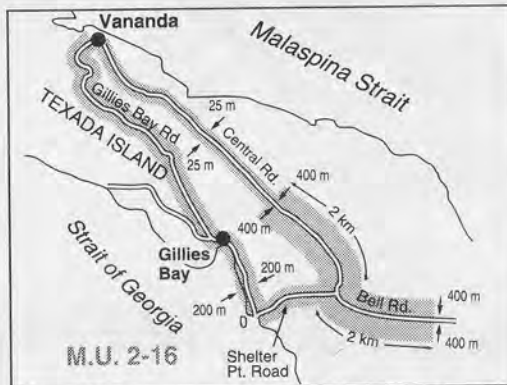


Map B31 Blubber Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).

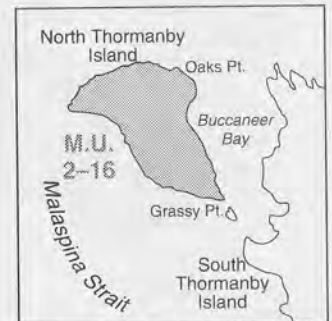
Map B32 Bowen Island No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16). Special Bow and Arrow Season for mule (black-tailed) deer (cross-bows prohibited). Bucks: Sept 1 to Dec 15. Antlerless: Nov 5 to Dec 5; Jan 1 to Jan 15/97. Bag Limit: 3(2). On Bowen Island hunting is prohibited within 150 metres of any public highway, school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling or farm building.



Map B33 Gillies Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



Map B34 Central Road/ Shelter Point Road No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



Map B35 North Thormanby Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 2-16).

REGION 3 Thompson-Nicola

MANAGEMENT UNITS

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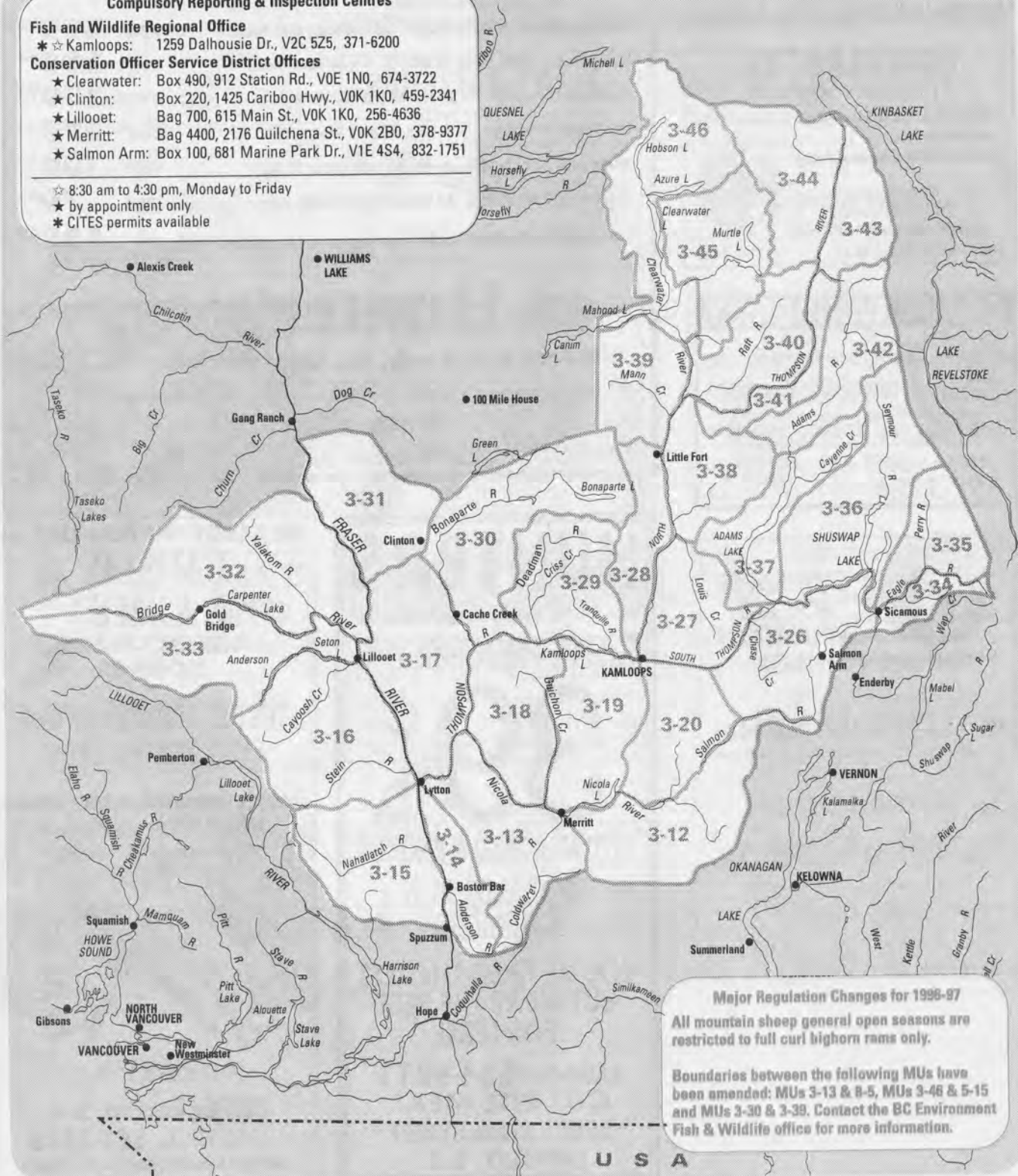
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Major Regulation Changes for 1998-97
 All mountain sheep general open seasons are restricted to full curl highhorn rams only.

Boundaries between the following MUs have been amended: MUs 3-13 & 8-5, MUs 3-46 & 5-15 and MUs 3-30 & 3-39. Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

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Bag Limits

Deer: The aggregate bag limit for deer in Thompson-Nicola is 3. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, but only one may be a buck. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer are under Limited Entry Hunting only. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 1.

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken in Region 3 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Snowmobile Restrictions

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in MUs 3-28, 3-45 and 3-46. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

The use of snowmobiles is prohibited from Feb 20/97 to May 31/97 in the Chappell Creek area of MU 3-44 except on designated trails. See Map C17.

Vehicle Restrictions

1. The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited or restricted in the following areas. Contact BC Environment in Kamloops for details.

- Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MU 3-29.
- Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempiere Creeks above 1700 m in MU 3-44 (Mt. Netzel and Mt. St. Anne) between June 1 and November 30. See Map C16.

- Above the 1920 m elevation in MU 3-32 in the following areas:
 - China Head Mountain (excluding the Yalakom-Big Bar Road)
 - Nine Mile Ridge
 - Red Mountain - French Mountain
 - Hogback Mountain
 - Spruce Lake Closed Area in MU 3-32. See Map C13.
 - Porcupine Ridge. See Map C10.
 - Bare Lake Recreation Trail Area. See Map C11.

2. The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited:

- in the watershed of Clinton Creek (See Map C12).
- Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters - but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not.

Notice to Hunters

No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 80-81.

Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45 (Murtle Lake Nature Conservancy Area).

Hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms are prohibited within the Tunkwa Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. The area designated is the largest island in Tunkwa Lake (MU 3-18).

Please note that white-tailed deer are present throughout the Thompson-Nicola Sub-Region and a separate species licence is required. Be sure of the species before you shoot.

Parks and Recreation Areas

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 20 to April 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

- Chasm Provincial Park (MU 3-30)
- Cinnemousun Narrows Park (MUs 3-26, 3-36)
- Edge Hills Provincial Park (MU 3-31)
- Marble Range Provincial Park (MU 3-31)
- Niskonlith Lake Park (MU 3-27)
- Roderick Haig-Brown Park (MU 3-37) See Map C18.
- Shuswap Lake Marine Park (MUs 3-36, 3-26)
- Spahats Creek Park (MU 3-40) See Map C19.
- Stake-McConnell Recreation Area (MU 3-19)
- Stein Valley Heritage Park (MU 3-16)
- Wells Gray Park (MU 3-46); Open to the discharge of firearms from September 20 to May 31 during a lawful game hunting season.
- Wells Gray Recreation Area: Clearwater Site (MU 3-46)

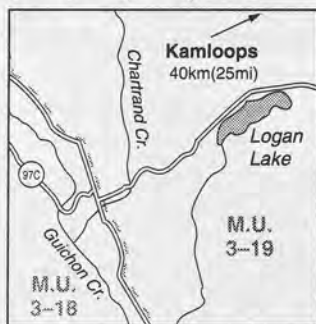
Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows. Park roads are also closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows within 400 metres of the centre line.

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Dec 10	1
	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	*4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
			Regional bag limit	2(1)
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10	1

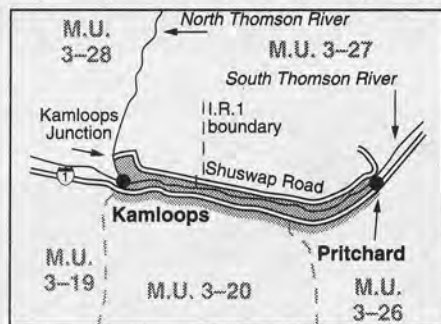
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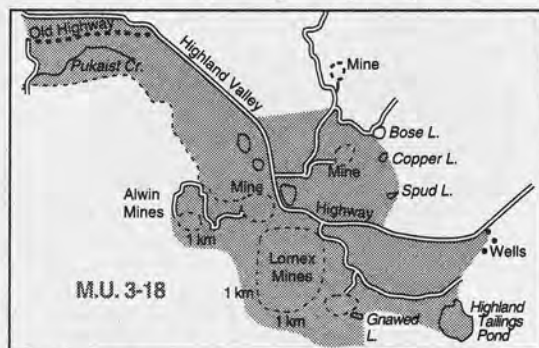
Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MOOSE (IMMATURE BULLS ONLY)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26, 3-27, 3-29 to 3-44, 3-46		Oct 15 - Oct 31	1
	3-28		Oct 15 - Oct 20	1
<i>See definition on page 79. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Successful hunters of any bull moose must submit a tooth and kill information. See Compulsory Reporting information on page 8.</i>				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	3-17, 3-31, 3-32	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-41, 3-43, 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 15	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-41, 3-43, 3-44		Apr 1/97 - June 15/97	2
	3-42		Sept 10 - Dec 15	2
	3-46		Sept 20 - Dec 15	2
	3-46		Apr 1/97 - June 15/97	2
Archery Only Season	3-42		Apr 1/97 - June 15/97	2
WOLF	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31/97	3
COYOTE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 15 - Mar 31/97	NBL
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Mar 31/97	2
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	1
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	1
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
<i>The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.</i>				
GROUSE (BLUE, RUFFED AND SPRUCE (FRANKLIN))	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 of each(15 of each)
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	5 of each(15 of each)
<i>The daily aggregate bag limit for Grouse (Blue, Spruce (Franklin), Ruffed and Sharp-tailed) is fifteen (15).</i>				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	3-31		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5(10)
PTARMIGAN	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5(15)
GRAY PARTRIDGE (Hungarian)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3(9)
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 15	2(6)
<i>Hunting of pheasant is permitted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.</i>				
MOURNING DOVES	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 15 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 15 - Dec 25	8(16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8.</i>				
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, CANADA GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 15 - Dec 25	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.</i>				



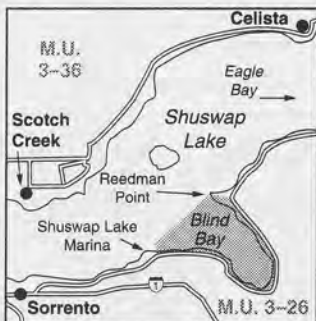
Map C1 Logan Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-19).



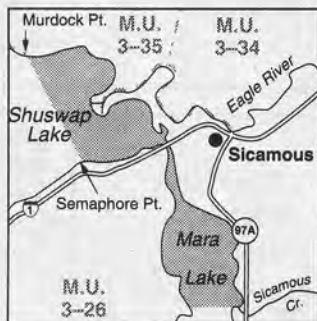
Map C2 Kamloops No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27 and 3-28).



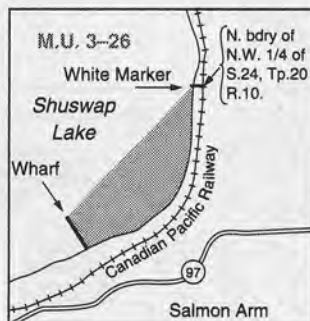
Map C3 Highland Valley No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-18).



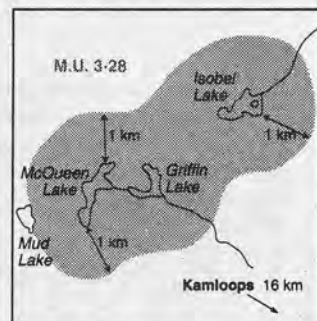
Map C4 Blind Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-26).



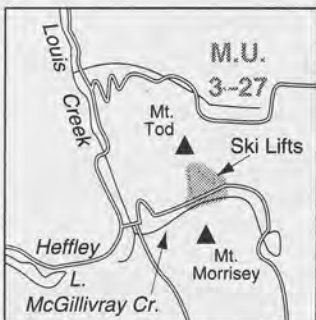
Map C5 Sicamous No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 3-26).



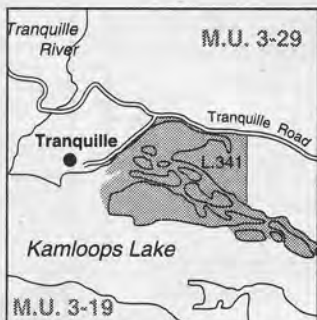
Map C6 Salmon Arm No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 3-26).



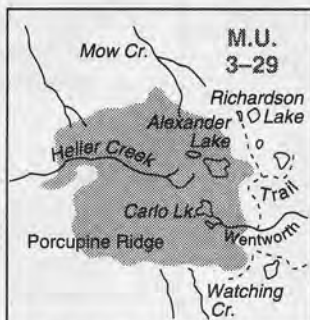
Map C7 McQueen Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-28).



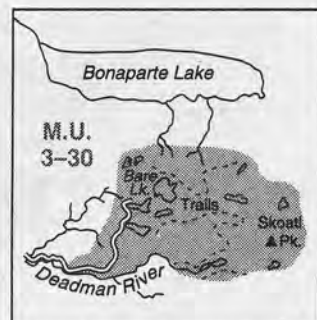
Map C8 Sun Peaks No Shooting or Hunting Area 400m from existing Ski Lifts (situate in MU 3-27).



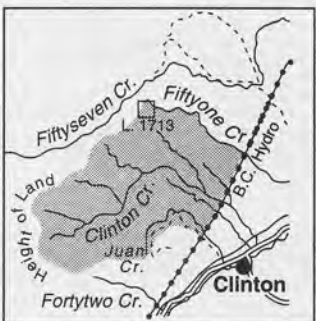
Map C9 Tranquille Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 3-29).



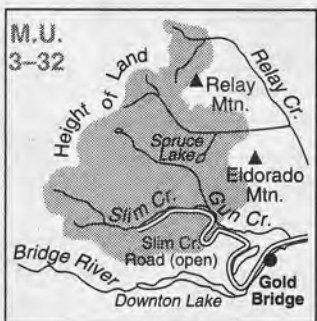
Map C10 Porcupine Ridge Access Management Area (situate in MU 3-29) Closed from Apr 16 to Dec 14.



Map C11 Bare Lake Access Management Area (except aircraft) (situate in MU 3-29 and 3-30).



Map C12 Clinton Creek Access Management Area Closed Area (situate MU 3-31).



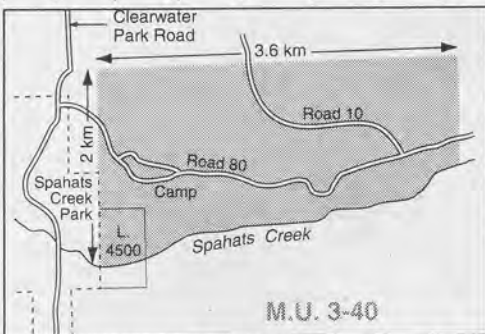
Map C13 Spruce Lake Access Management Area (situate in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov 30 to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as open lines open year-round.



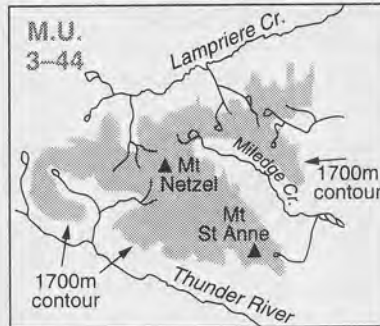
Map C14 Roderick Haig-Brown Recreation Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 3-37).

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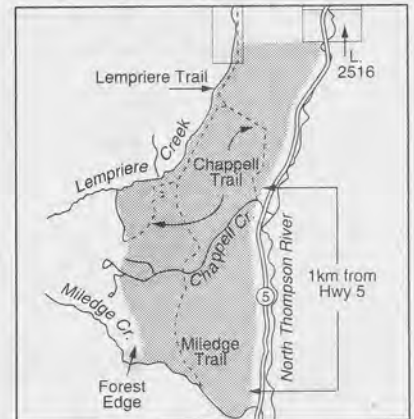
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Map C15 Spahats Creek Camp No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 3-40).



Map C16 Mount Netzel and Mount St. Anne Access Management Area (situate in MU 3-44) above 1700m elevation between June 1 and Nov 30.



Map C17 Chappell Creek Snowmobile Closed Area from Feb 20 to May 31 (situate in MU 3-44) except on designated trails only.

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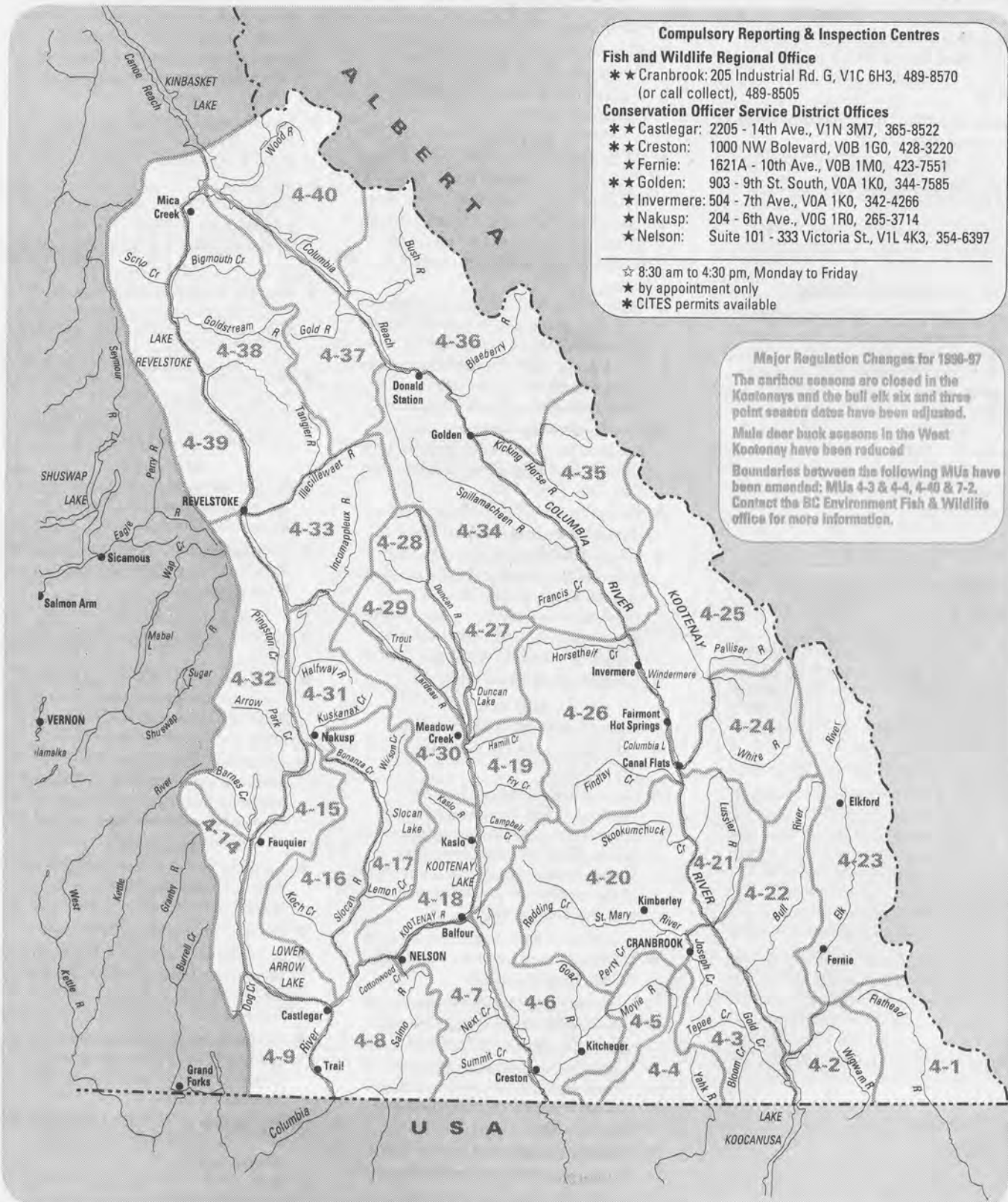
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REGION 4 Kootenay

MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 3rd edition.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

★ ★ Cranbrook: 205 Industrial Rd. G, V1C 6H3, 489-8570
(or call collect), 489-8505

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

- ★ ★ Castlegar: 2205 - 14th Ave., V1N 3M7, 365-8522
- ★ ★ Creston: 1000 NW Boulevard, V0B 1G0, 428-3220
- ★ Fernie: 1621A - 10th Ave., V0B 1M0, 423-7551
- ★ ★ Golden: 903 - 9th St. South, V0A 1K0, 344-7585
- ★ Invermere: 504 - 7th Ave., V0A 1K0, 342-4266
- ★ Nakusp: 204 - 6th Ave., V0G 1R0, 265-3714
- ★ Nelson: Suite 101 - 333 Victoria St., V1L 4K3, 354-6397

- ☆ 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
- ★ by appointment only
- * CITES permits available

Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

The caribou seasons are closed in the Kootenays and the bull elk six and three-point season dates have been adjusted.

Mule deer buck seasons in the West Kootenay have been reduced.

Boundaries between the following MUs have been amended: MUs 4-3 & 4-4, 4-40 & 7-2. Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

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Bag Limits

Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is two (2) deer. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one (1). The bag limit for white-tailed deer in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 is one (1). The bag limit for white-tailed deer in MUs 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38 and 4-39 is two (2).

Moose and Elk: The aggregate bag limit for moose and elk is one (1).

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), and ruffed) is five (5).

Cougar: The regional bag limit in the Kootenay Region for cougar is one (1).

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all cougar taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Inspected within 4 days of the date of kill, and all moose and wolf taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Vehicle Restrictions

There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region.

- ★ All Motor Vehicles.
- ◆ All Motor Vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife (except between Mar. 1-31 and July 1-Aug. 31) Trappers are exempt.
- ✳ The use of snowmobiles to hunt, to transport wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife, is prohibited in the entire Kootenay Region. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

Information signs are posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not. Contact local BC Environment offices for details.

MU 4-1

- ★ McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary. See Map D1
- ◆ Akamina and Kishinena Creek watersheds upstream from the 94 km

marker on the Akamina/Kishinena Road.

- ◆ Middlepass Creek watershed
- ◆ Sage Creek watershed from 2.5 km upstream of Roche Creek

MU 4-2

- ★ Galton Range (Map D2)
- ★ Wigwam Flats-Mt. Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge (Map D3)
- ◆ Windfall Creek watershed upstream of Lodgepole Creek

MU 4-3

- ◆ Bloom Creek watershed upstream from 49.2 km on the Bloom Creek Road and 52.3 km on the Larch Creek Road
- ◆ Caven Creek watershed upstream from 46 km on the Lower Caven Creek Road and 45.3 km on the Upper Caven Creek Road
- ◆ Haller Creek/Cherry Lake watershed upstream of the junction of the Cherry Lake Main Road with the Haller Creek Main Road (on the Cherry Lake Main Road) and upstream from 42.2 km on the Haller Creek Main Road
- ◆ Jake Creek watershed upstream 0.2 km from the junction of Teepee Creek and the East Yahk River Road on the East Yahk River Road
- ◆ Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road
- ◆ Teepee Creek southerly watershed between Jim Creek and Gold Creek and the westerly watershed of Gold Creek between Teepee Creek and the intersection of Gold Creek with the southerly boundary of Lot 8282
- ★ Elizabeth Lake (Map D4)

MU 4-4

- ★ Lower Cotton Tie Area (Map D6)
- ◆ Yahk River watershed upstream of Norge Creek
- ◆ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing southwesterly into Hawkins Creek from Mt. Mahon approximately 2 km northwest of the confluence of Canuck Creek and Hawkins Creek

MU 4-5

- ◆ Irishman Creek watershed upstream 0.7 km from Hwy 3/95

MU 4-6

- ◆ Leadville Creek watershed upstream of 8 km on the Leadville Creek Road
- ◆ watersheds of 4 unnamed creeks (upstream of the Sanca Creek Road) flowing south into Sanca Creek from Sherman Mtn.
- ◆ Pilot Peninsula Forest Service Road beyond the intersection with branch 5

road; and on branch 2 road starting at the 2 km point.

- ◆ North Basin Creek watershed in the Skelly Creek watershed upstream of the 1500 m (4900 ft) contour
- ◆ the easterly half of drainage of Goat River from Leadville Creek to Kamma Creek - proposed motor vehicle restricted area. *Contact Regional Office for more information.

MU 4-7

- ◆ Topaz Creek watershed upstream of Midgly Mountain Road at the 1425 m (4700 ft) elevation
- ◆ the watershed of Corn Creek upstream from Acorn Creek - proposed motor vehicle restricted area. *Contact Regional Office for more information.

MU 4-8

- ◆ Blizzard Mountain Road (and all side roads) from its intersection with Nine Mile Creek Road (Fruitvale side only).

MU 4-9

- ◆ the watersheds of Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks
- ◆ Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing

MU 4-15

- ◆ the watershed of Rialto Creek upstream of kilometre 7 on the Keenlyside Dam haul road
- ◆ Deer Creek Road (both East Fork and West Fork) from approximately 8.8 km point (on each).

MU 4-18

- ★ Marsden Face/Grohman Creek (Map D14)
- ◆ the watersheds of Smallwood & Garrity Creeks from a point 20 metres southeast of the intersection of the Smallwood Creek and Garrity Creek roads
- ◆ Kokanee Creek Road between northern boundary of L 11144 and southerly boundary of Kokanee Glacier Park (closed Apr 1 to June 30)

MU 4-20

- ◆ Baribeu Creek watershed upstream from 0.1 km on the Baribeu Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Bradford Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Patrick Creek flowing into Dewar Creek between Mt. Patrick and Mt. Manson upstream of the Dewar Creek access road
- ◆ the watershed of Skookumchuck Creek upstream from a point downstream 1 kilometre from its confluence with Greenland Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Road crossing

- ◆ the watershed of Buhl Creek from 0.5 kilometre upstream of the Skookumchuck Creek Bridge crossing near the confluence of Buhl Creek with Skookumchuck Creek

MU 4-21

- ◆ the watershed of the easterly headwaters of Coyote Creek
- ★ Premier Ridge (Map D18) from Dec 11 to April 30

MU 4-22

- ★ Powerplant area (Map D23)
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas shown on Maps D21 and D22
- ★ the watershed of North Galbraith Creek and of that portion of the watershed of Galbraith Creek south and east of their confluence
- ◆ the watershed of Big Tower, Little Tower, Swanson Creek and Haynes Creeks
- ◆ the watershed of Iron Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Burton Creek
- ◆ the watershed of McDermid Creek
- ◆ the watersheds of Little Sand Creek above the Galloway Road and of Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whimpster Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek, including the watershed of Alpine Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Tunnel Creek upstream of Highway #3

MU 4-23

- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area (Map D26)
- ★ Ridgemont area (Map D29)
- ★ Grave Prairie area (Map D30)
- ★ Corbin Creek (Map D31)
- ★ Weigert Creek (except snowmobiles) (Map D25)
- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (except snowmobiles) (Map D27)
- ◆ proposed Alexander Creek Access Management Area. See Map D32.
*Contact Regional Office for more information.

MU 4-24

- ★ that portion of the Mutton Creek watershed upstream of the westerly boundary of Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park
- ◆ Blackfoot Creek watershed upstream from 38 km on the Blackfoot Creek Road
- ◆ Fenwick Creek watershed upstream from 50 km on the Fenwick Creek Road
- ◆ Elk Creek watershed upstream from 43.6 km on the Elk Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nilksuka Creek upstream of the North White River

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- ◆ Grave Creek watershed upstream from 48 km on the Main Grave Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nine Mile Creek upstream of 1300 metre elevation
- ◆ the watershed of the middle fork of White River upstream of the first bridge crossing

MU 4-25

- ★ Stoddart Creek area (Map D35)
- ★ Columbia Lake area (Map D33)
- ◆ Albert River watershed upstream from 52.5 km on the Albert River Road
- ◆ Cross River watershed upstream from 20.4 km on the Cross River Road
- ◆ the watershed of Pedley Creek
- ◆ North fork of Dry Creek watershed upstream from 19.6 km on Dry Creek Road
- ◆ the upper watersheds of Madias Creek and Tatley Creek upstream from the easterly boundary of the Columbia Lake Indian Reserve

MU 4-26

- ★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation
- ★ Dutch Creek-Findlay Flats. See Map D43
- ◆ the watershed of Brewer Creek upstream of and including the watershed of Thorald Creek
- ◆ Crown land in the watershed of Lavington Creek upstream of the northerly boundary of subplot 137, Kootenay Land District
- ◆ the watershed of Dutch Creek upstream of its confluence with Whitetail Creek

MU 4-29

- ◆ the easterly watershed of the Lardeau River between the northerly boundaries of District Lots 7527 and 9378, Kootenay Land District and the northerly height of land of Lake Creek (including the Lake Creek watershed), from Oct 20 to Dec 10 - proposed motor vehicle restricted area.
*Contact Regional Office for more information.

MU 4-30

- ★ the Duncan-Lardeau area shown on Map D44

MU 4-32

- ◆ the watershed of Barnes Creek upstream of the 30 kilometre marker

MU 4-35

- ◆ the drainages of Ice River and the easterly watershed of Beaverfoot River upstream of Ice River

MU 4-38

- ◆ the watershed of Downie Creek upstream of Highway #23

Notice to Hunters

- Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex white-tailed deer - See Map D8.
- No Shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 80-81.
- Columbia Lake Park (MU 4-25) is closed to hunting. Hunters are permitted to carry firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the park between September 10 and June 15.

Parks and Recreation Areas

Hunters should note that big game seasons in most parks are under Limited Entry Hunting restrictions. Consult the current Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis for map details. In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

- Akamina-Kishinena Recreation Area (MU 4-1)
- Bugaboo Park (MU 4-34)
- Cummings Lakes Provincial Park (MU 4-40)
- Elk Lakes Park (MU 4-23)
- Elk Lakes Recreation Area (MU 4-23)
- Elk Valley Park (MU 4-23)
- Fry Creek Canyon Recreation Area (MU 4-19)
- Gilnockie Provincial Park (MU 4-4)
- Goat Range Provincial Park (MU 4-17, 4-30)
- Hamber Park (MU 4-40)
- Height of the Rockies (MU 4-23, 4-24, 4-25)
- Kianuko Provincial Park (MU 4-6)
- Kikomun Creek Park (MU 4-22)
- Lockhart Creek Provincial Park (MU 4-6)
- Marl Creek Park (MU 4-36)
- McDonald Creek Park (MU 4-32). Open only on west side
- Mount Assiniboine Park (MU 4-25). All persons using horses in this park are required to obtain a Letter of Authority from the E. Kootenay District Park office, Box 118, Wasa, B.C. (Ph. 604-422-3212). See Map D38.
- Nancy Greene Recreation Area (MU 4-9)

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Pilot Bay Park (MU 4-6)
Premier Lake Park (MU 4-21).
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (MUs 4-19, 4-20, 4-26). The Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (B.C. Parks) is closed to the use of snowmobiles and motor vehicles.
St. Mary's Alpine Park (MU 4-20)
Syringa Provincial Park (MU 4-15)

Top of the World Park (MU 4-21, 4-22)
Camping and the use of horses in that portion of the park in the Galbraith and North Galbraith Creek drainage is prohibited.
Valhalla Park (MU 4-16)
West Arm Provincial Park (MU 4-7)
Whiteswan Lake Park (MU 4-24)
Kokanee Glacier Park and Kokanee

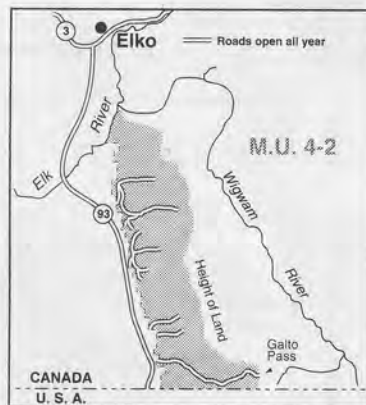
Glacier Recreation Area (MUs 4-17, 4-18) are only open to the discharge of firearms from November 1 to November 30 during a lawful game hunting season.
Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14, 4-15, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-32, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 15	1
	4-16 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-31, 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Archery Only Season <i>See regional bag limit on page 36.</i>				
*See definition on page 79. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	Bucks:	Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
Archery Only Seasons	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	*Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 25	1
*Hunters are required to submit the antlers and the lower jaw or one of the incisor teeth within 10 days of the kill. See Map D8.				
ELK	4-1 to 4-7, 4-19 to 4-30, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 25 - Oct 9	1
	4-1 to 4-7, 4-19 to 4-30, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	▲3 Point Bulls	Oct 10 - Oct 20	1
	4-18	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
Archery Only Season <i>See Map D9.</i>	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	▲3 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
▲See definitions on page 78. The antlers must accompany the species licence. Successful elk hunters must report a kill by submitting one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root) to an official of BC Environment, or by mailing the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return" envelope, which may be obtained from any licence issuer, Government Agent or BC Environment office. Hunters are required to submit the antlers and an incisor tooth of any archery-killed elk within 10 days of the kill. See the regional bag limit for elk and moose on page 36. The head of any calf elk taken in the Kootenay Region must accompany the carcass and species licence until it arrives at a permanent place of consumption or at a butcher shop.				
BIGHORN	4-1, 4-21 to 4-24, *4-35	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 25	1
MOUNTAIN SHEEP	4-2, ▲4-25	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
*There is no open season for mountain sheep in that portion of MU 4-35 north of Kicking Horse River between Golden and Yoho National Park Boundary. ▲In that portion of MU 4-25 east of the Kootenay River excluding Mt. Assiniboine Park, the season is from Sept 10 - Oct 25. (See Map D37)				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	*4-37, ▲4-39, 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
*Open Season Only in that portion of MU 4-37 north and west of Windy Creek. ▲Open Season Only in that portion of MU 4-39 north of Bourne Creek.				
BLACK BEAR	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/97 - June 30/97	2
Archery Only Season <i>See page 9 for restrictions on bears.</i>	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
WOLF	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31/97	2
<i>In those portions of MUs 4-2, 4-3, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 in the East Kootenay Trench, below 1100 metres in elevation, there is no closed season.</i>				
COYOTE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31/97	10
WOLVERINE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 1 - Jan 31/97	1

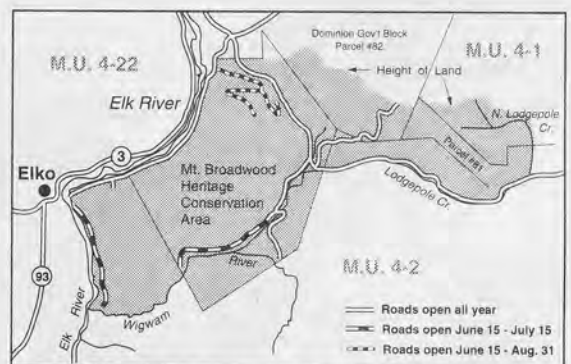
Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
LYNX	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	1
COUGAR	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-37, 4-40		★Nov 15 - Feb 28/97	1
Pursuit Only	4-1 to 4-7, 4-18 to 4-30, 4-33 to 4-37, 4-40		Dec 1 - Feb 28/97	
<p>Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, cougar in the company of lactating cougar or cougar kittens. Persons participating in the Pursuit Only season are reminded that they must have a hunting licence, they may not carry a firearm, and it is an offence to capture or kill a cougar during a Pursuit Only season.</p> <p>★ Note the cougar season in the Kootenay region will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that since Apr 1/96: a) the total number of female cougars killed by hunters has reached 40 in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, and 4-40; b) the total number of cougars killed by hunters has reached 60 in MUs 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, and 4-27 to 4-33.</p>				
BOBCAT	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	2
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No closed season	NBL
<p>The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.</p>				
SNOWSHOE HARE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
RACCOON	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31/97	NBL
SKUNK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	NBL
GROUSE BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED PTARMIGAN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5(15)
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	4-6, 4-7		Oct 15 - Nov 15	10(30)
			Daily Limit:	3
			Possession Limit:	6
			Season Limit:	12
RAVEN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No Closed Season	5
MOURNING DOVES	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 25	8(16)
<p>Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8.</p>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, CANADA GEESE, WHITE FRONTED GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 25	5(10)
<p>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8. See Map D5.</p>				



Map D1 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 4-1). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms or operation of motor vehicles.

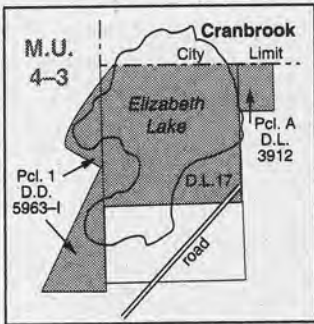


Map D2 Galton Range Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-2). Highlighted roads are open all year.

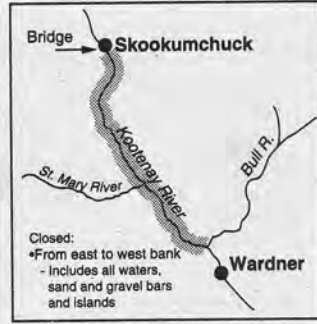


Map D3 Wigwam Flats - Mt. Broadwood/ Sportsman Ridge Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-2). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Highlighted roads open as noted on the map.

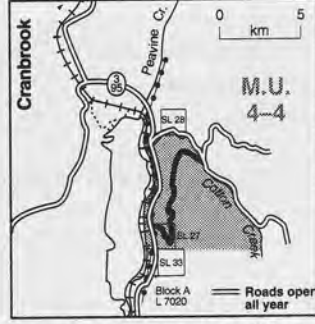
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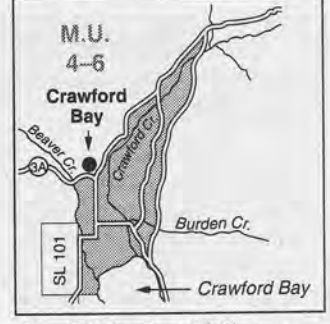
Map D4 Elizabeth Lake No Hunting, No Shooting, No Trapping Area, No Motorized Vehicles (situate in MU 4-3).



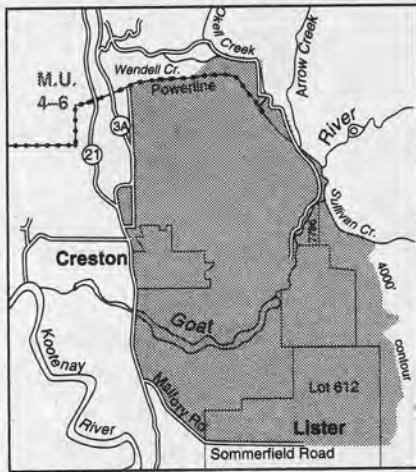
Map D5 Kootenay River Canada Goose Closed Area (situate in MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22).



Map D6 Lower Cotton Tie Vehicle Closed Area (situate in MU 4-4).



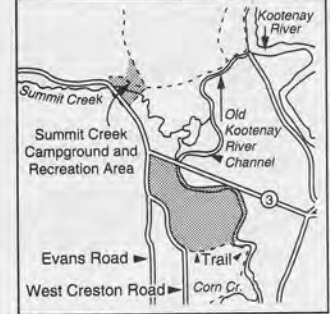
Map D7 Crawford Bay Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 4-6)



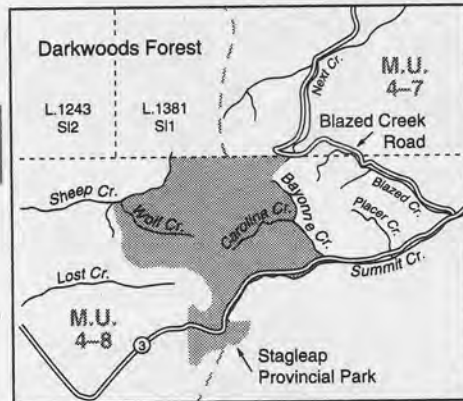
Map D8 Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex white-tailed deer (situate in MU 4-6). Bow and arrow only season from Dec 1 to Dec 31.



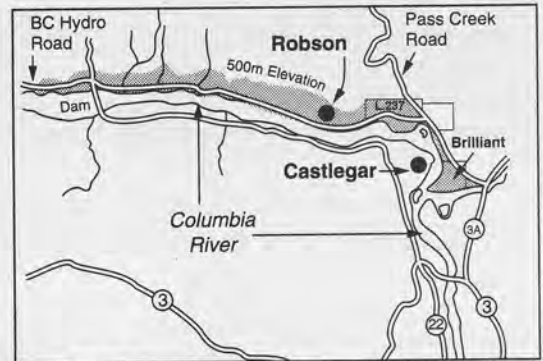
Map D9 Creston Elk Bow and Arrow Only Area. (situate in MU 4-6)



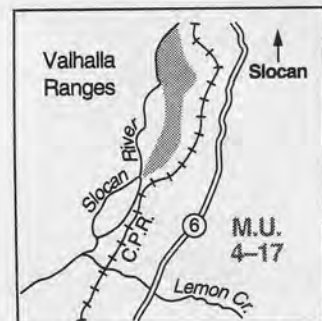
Map D10 Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (situate in MU 4-7).



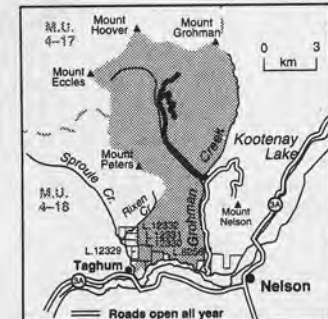
Map D11 Selkirk No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 4-7, 4-8). Watch for mountain caribou. Incorporates Stagleap Park.



Map D12 Robson No Shooting Area. (situate in MU 4-15)



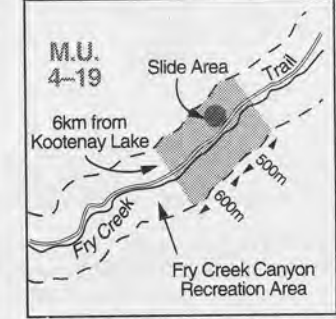
Map D13 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-17).



Map D14 Marsden Face/Grohman Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-18).



Map D15 Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-19).

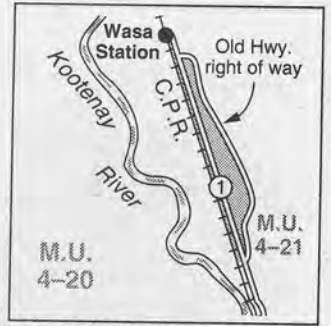
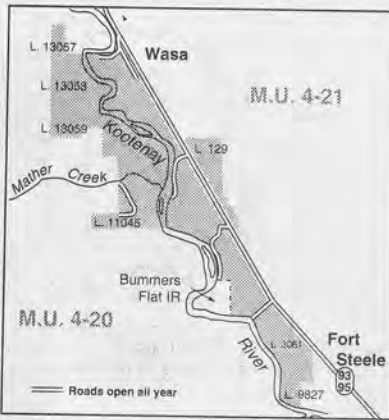


Map D16 Fry Creek No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-19).

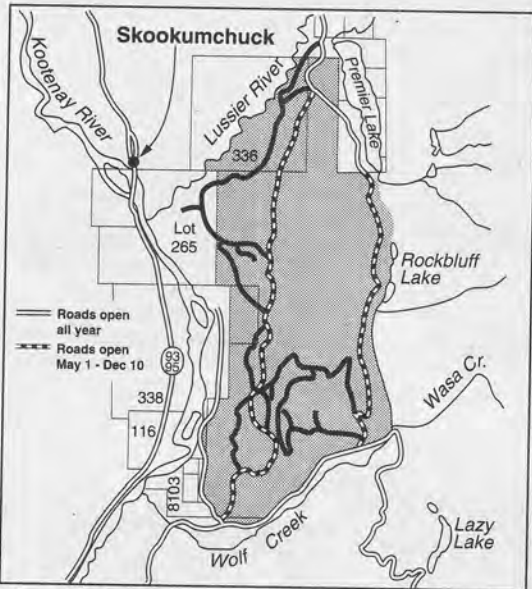


Map D17 Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-20).

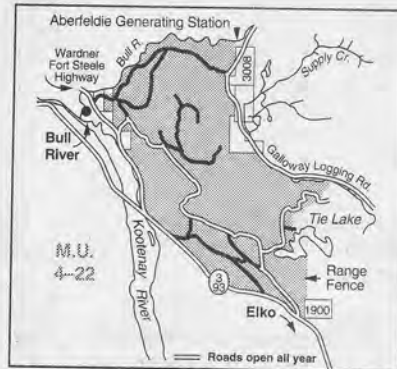
Map D19 Cherry Creek/ Bummers Flats Motor Access Management Area. Roads shown as open lines are open year round (situate in MUs 4-20, 4-21)



Map D20 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 4-21). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



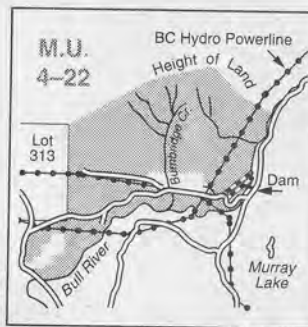
Map D18 Premier Ridge Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-21). Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec 10, and roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



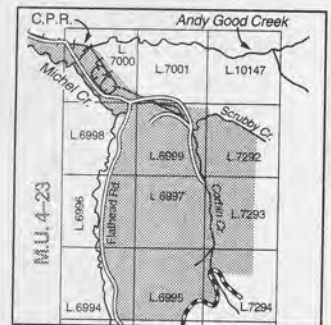
Map D21 Pickering Hills Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22). Excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay Land District



Map D22 Sheep Mountain Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22).

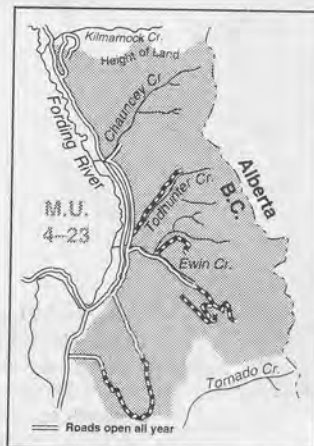
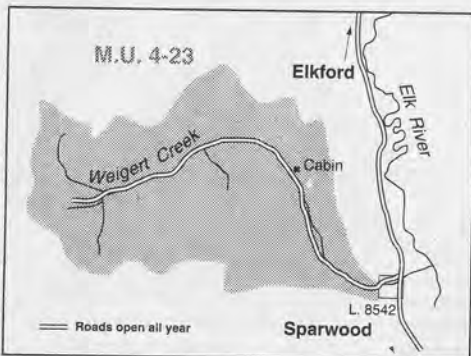


Map D23 Powerplant Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec 10.



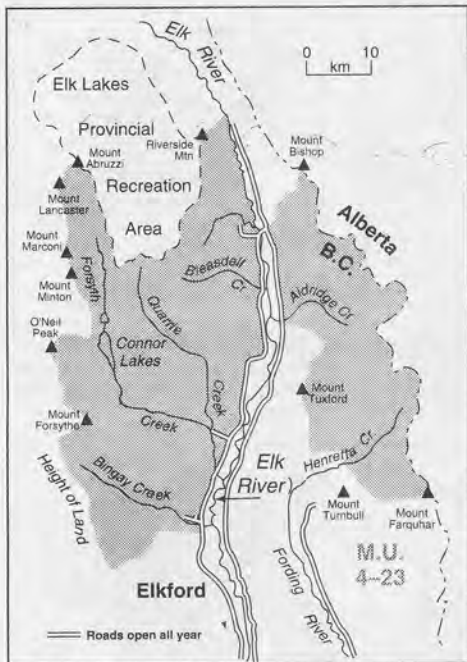
Map D24 Byron Creek Collieries No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-23).

Map D25 Weigert Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles.

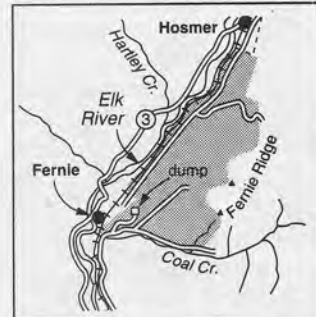
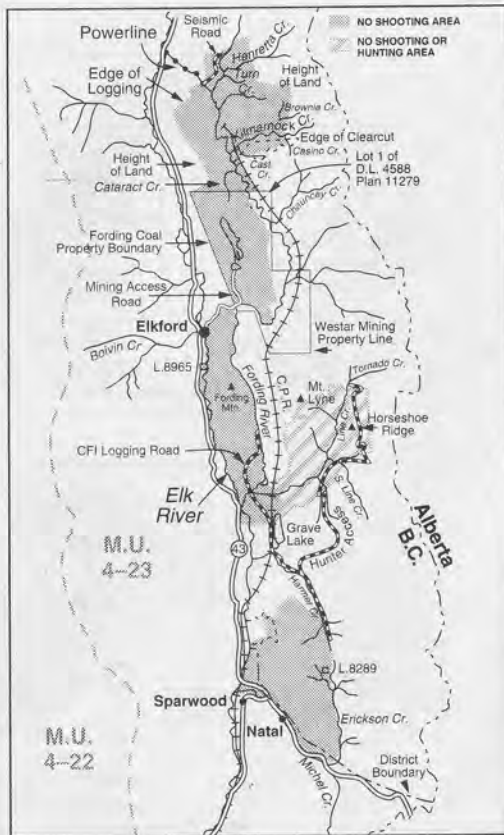


Map D26 Chauncey-Todhunter Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open June 16 to Aug 31; roads shown as open lines are open year-round.

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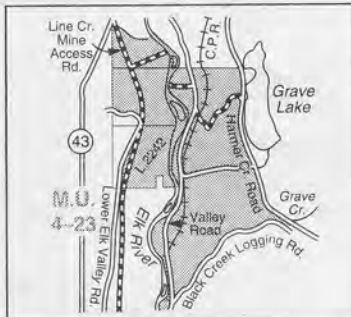
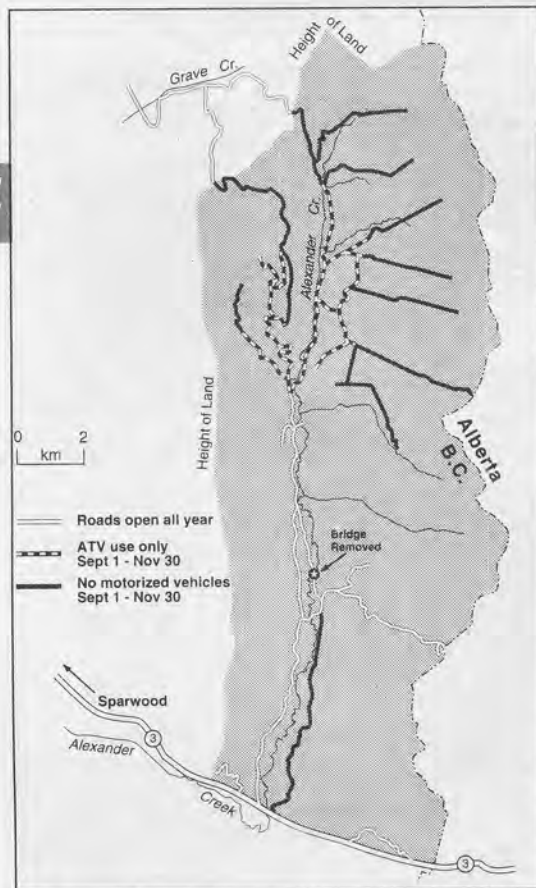


Map D27 Upper Elk Valley - Fording River Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



Map D29 Ridgemont Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines open year-round.

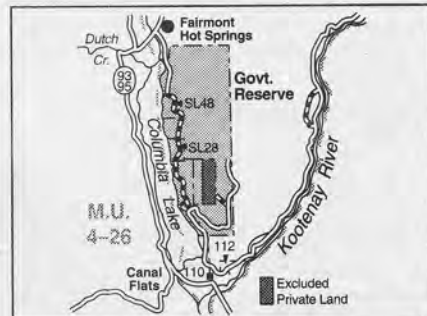
Map D28 Crows Nest Resources, Fording Coal, Westar Mining, Greenhills and Fording Mountain No Shooting Areas and Line Creek No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-23). Mine No Shooting Areas and No Shooting or Hunting Area are situated on private property and permission from companies is required prior to entry.



Map D30 Grave Prairie Motor Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 15 to Sept 30.



Map D31 Corbin Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



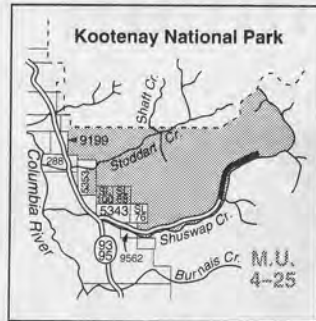
Map D32 Proposed Alexander Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles are allowed. ★Contact Regional Office for more information.

Map D33 Columbia Lake Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-25). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec 10; roads shown as open lines are open year-round.

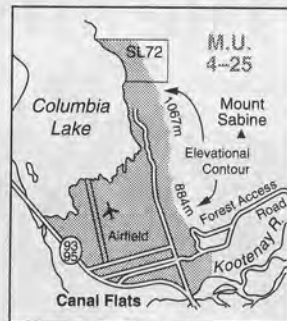
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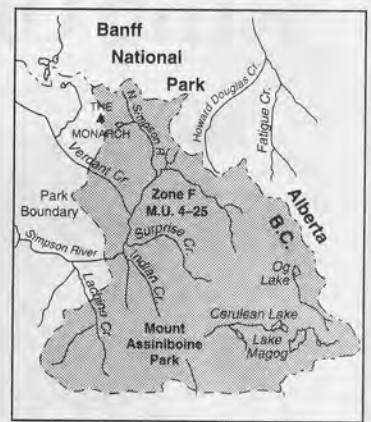
Map D34 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-25).



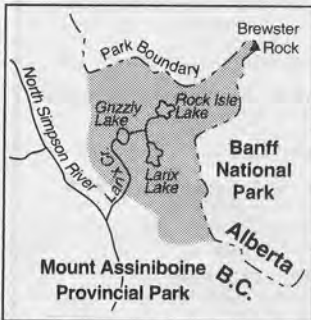
Map D35 Stoddart Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-25). Road shown as open line is open year-round.



Map D36 Canal Flats Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 4-25).



Map D37 Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting only Area (situate in MU 4-25). See also Maps D34, D38.



Map D38 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (situate in MU-25).



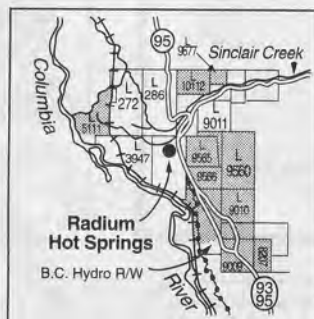
Map D39 Fairmont No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-25)



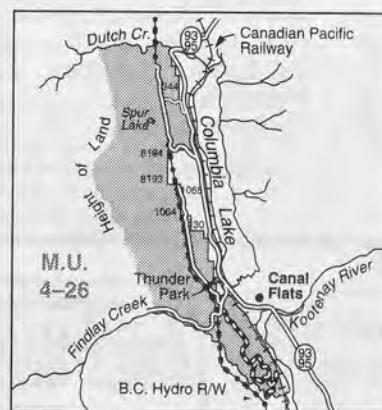
Map D40 Windermere No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-25)



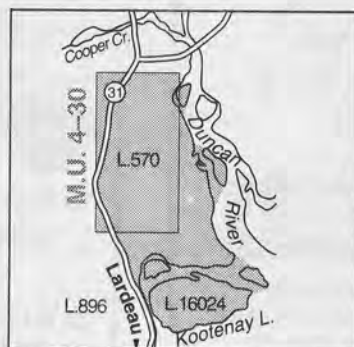
Map D41 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MUs 4-25, 4-26). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



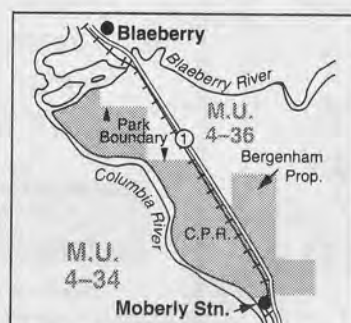
Map D42 Radium No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-25 and 4-35)



Map D43 Dutch Creek-Findlay Flats Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-26). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec 10.



Map D44 Duncan - Lardeau Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-30). The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except on Highway 31.



Map D45 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situate in MU 4-36). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



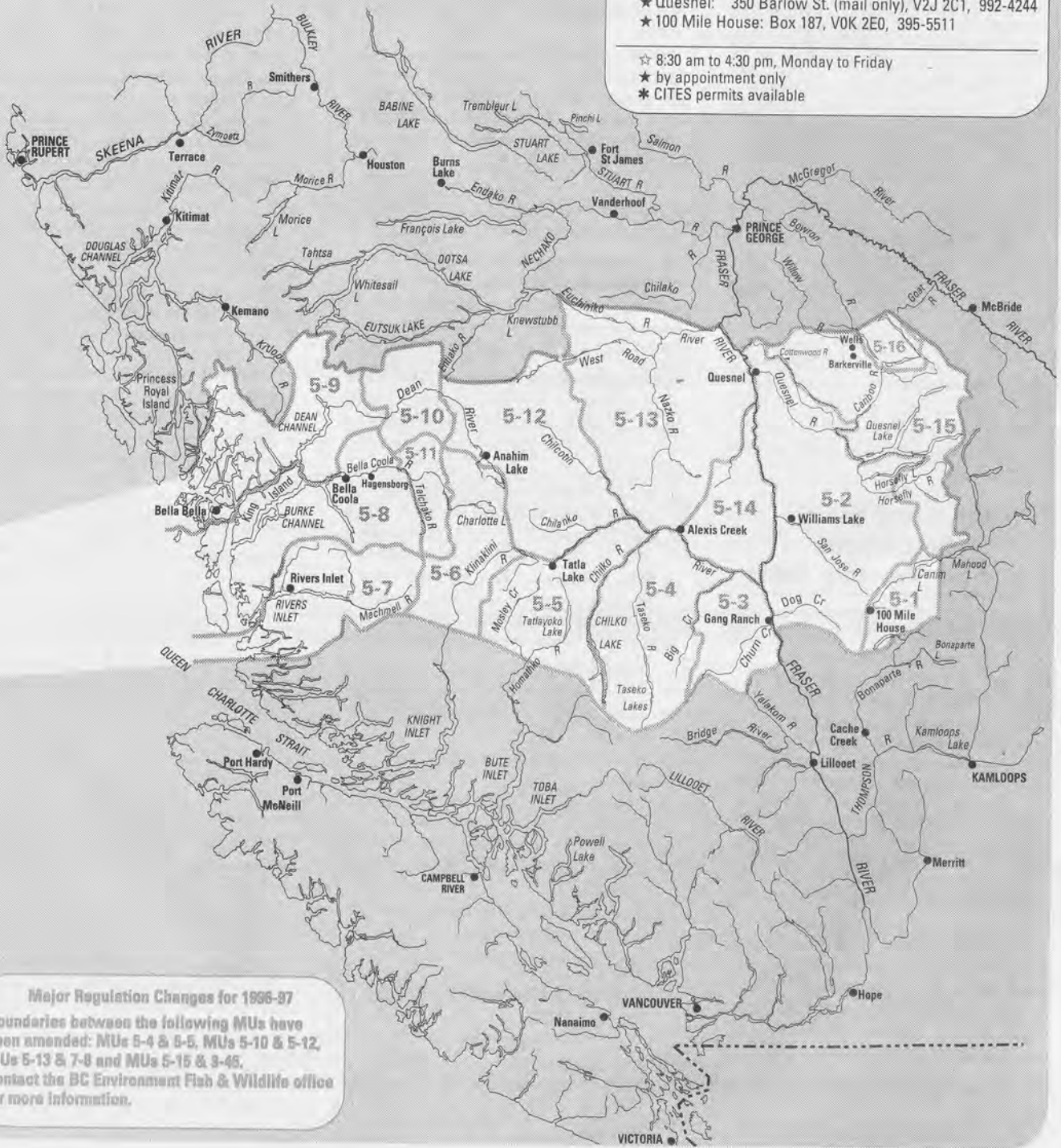
These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 3rd edition.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
 *☆ Williams Lake: 540 Borland St., V2G 1R8, 398-4569

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
 ★ Alexis Creek: General Delivery, V0L 1A0, 394-4343
 ★★ Hagensborg: Box 190, V0T 1H0, 982-2626
 ★ Quesnel: 350 Barlow St. (mail only), V2J 2C1, 992-4244
 ★ 100 Mile House: Box 187, V0K 2E0, 395-5511

☆ 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
 ★ by appointment only
 * CITES permits available



Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97
 Boundaries between the following MUs have been amended: MUs 5-4 & 5-5, MUs 5-10 & 5-12, MUs 5-13 & 7-8 and MUs 5-15 & 3-45.
 Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

Bag Limits

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, one of which may be antlerless but only available under Limited Entry Hunting.

Wolf: The bag limit for wolf is 3

Bobcat: The bag limit for bobcat is 1.

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

• In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken in Region 5 and all mule (black-tailed) deer taken in MUs 5-1, 5-2, 5-8 and 5-11 during the December Archery Only season must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Highway Restrictions

• No shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on pages 80-81.

• The discharge of firearms and hunting is prohibited on or across the travelled portion and road allowance of all numbered highways and any 2 lane or greater public road that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (see pages 80-81).

Road and Vehicle Restrictions and No Shooting Areas

• Information signs are posted at the points of closure for most road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

The operation of ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited between the hours of 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. in MUs 5-3,5-4, 5-5, 5-6 and 5-14.

• Restrictions to motor vehicle access in the northern portion of the Churn Creek Protected Area (Wycott Flats, George's Rock and surrounding area) will likely be in effect for fall 1996. Contact the BC Parks office in Williams Lake at 398-4414 for more information.

★ Motor Vehicle Restricted Roads and Areas

• The operation of all motor vehicles for

the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited on these roads. In areas where it is specially noted, the motor vehicle restriction applies to all persons at all times and not just hunters.

▲ Motor Vehicle Prohibited Areas

• The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round.

■ Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Restricted Areas

• The operation of unlicensed motor vehicles (including ATVs and snowmobiles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife or to transport a hunter to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

※ ATV Restricted Areas

• The operation of snowmobiles or ATVs (including motorcycles) at any time is prohibited in these areas.

▼ One Quarter Mile Single Projectile Prohibition

• Single projectiles prohibited within 400 metres on either side of the road allowance. Only shotguns with shot permitted.

◆ No Shooting Areas

The discharge of firearms is prohibited in these areas.

MU 5-2

▼ Robertson Road and any side roads - 0.4 km restriction, from its intersection with Hwy 97 at D.L. 61 (Cariboo Land District) north to its intersection with Hwy 97 at the village of McLeese Lake.

★ Wilcox-Westman Creek Forest Service Road and any side road from its point of commencement to its end.

◆ 100 Mile House No Shooting Area - see Map E1.

◆ Rose Lake No Shooting Area - see Map E2.

◆ Williams Lake No Shooting Area - see Map E3.

◆ Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area - see Map E4.

◆ Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (Alkali Lake) - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms. (See Map E6).

◆ Williams Lake River No Shooting Area - see Map E5.

◆ Big Lake School - the discharge of firearms is prohibited in Lot 8125, Cariboo District in which Big Lake School is located.

★ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - See Map E7.

MU 5-3

★ Gaspard-West Churn Forest Service (3200) Road - restricted south of the junction of this road and Stobart Creek (bridge).

★ Gaspard Churn Creek Forest Service (2800) Road (including any side roads) - restricted south of Kilometre 35 of this Road.

※ Gaspard-Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area, except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to May 1 - see Map E9.

▲ Red Mountain & French Mountain - motor vehicles proposed to be prohibited above the 1920 metre elevation. *Contact regional office for more information.

MU 5-4

★ Red Mountain Mining Road - entire road, Sept 1 to Oct 31 only.

★ Battlement Ridge Mining Road - entire road, Sept 1 to Oct 31 only.

※ Taseko-Chilko ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area for the purposes of hunting, to transport anyone to or from wildlife or to transport wildlife - see Map E10.

MU 5-5

▼ Tatlayoko Road and any side roads - 400 m (1/4 mile) either side of the mid-line south from Eagle Lake Road to its end.

▼ Horn-Bluff Lakes Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction; see Map E13.

▼ Eagle Main (Carrier Lumber) Road and any side roads - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction, south from Hwy 20.

★ Vallean Creek Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E12.

★ Potato Mountain Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; snowmobiles are permitted Dec 1 - Mar 31, except in Tsyl-os Park, see Map E11.

MU 5-7

◆ Nekite River Spawning Channel - Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 m of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans spawning channel.

MU 5-8

★ Nusatsum-Noeick Forest Service Road and any side roads - southerly and westerly from Kilometre 15 to South Bentinck Arm.

◆ Snootli Creek Park - The discharge of firearms is prohibited.

▼ Hwy 20 - Between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park.

MU 5-9

◆ Ocean Falls No Shooting Area - see Map E20.

MU 5-12

★ Clusko-Thunder Mountain Forest Service Road and any side roads - restriction is proposed northwesterly from a point 3.5 km north of the junction of this road and the Clusko River. *Contact regional office for more information.

★ Michelle-Baezaeko Forest Service Road and any side roads - westerly from Kilometre 66 of this road (66 km past the junction with the Nazko Road).

- ★ "P" (or Punky) Road (Jacobson Bros. Forest Products) and any side roads - restricted north from Kilometre 43 of this road (this road runs north of Hwy 20 from Chilanko Forks).
- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - restricted for hunting purposes, transporting a firearm for the purpose of hunting is prohibited Sept 1 to Dec 5.

MU 5-13

- ★ Clusko-Tzazati Forest Service Road - from its intersection with the southern boundary of DL 3431 (sign posted at start of Restricted Area).
- ★ Michelle-Baezaeko Forest Service Road and any side roads - see description under MU 5-12.
- ★ Clusko-Aneko Forest Service Road and any side roads - restricted (north) from Kilometre 71 of this road.
- MU 5-13 (entire management unit) Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - restricted for hunting purposes, transporting a firearm for the purpose of hunting is prohibited Sept 1 to Dec 5.
- ▼ West Fraser Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction, south from the City of Quesnel limits to the intersection of this road and Grouse Road (located just north west of Rudy Johnson Bridge). See Map E24.
- ◆ Stum Lake - Between March 1 and Aug 31, hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Stum (Pelican) Lake Provincial Park. The area includes all of Stum Lake below the high water mark and all of the islands.
- ▼ Tibbles Road Single projectiles prohibited; see Map E19.

MU 5-14

- ★ Junction Wildlife Management Area Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; see Map E21.
- ★ Doc English Vehicle Restricted Area - access is restricted to designated roads; see Map E22.
- ▼ West Fraser Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction; see description under MU 5-13. See Map E24.

MU 5-15

- ★ Ghost Lake Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E27.
- ★ Eureka Peak Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; see Map E23.
- ★ Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.
- ★ Crooked Lake Forest Service Road and any side roads from its point of commencement to its termination.
- ◆ Wells No Shooting Area - see Map E26.

Parks and Recreation Areas

Hunters should note that big game seasons in most parks are under Limited Entry Hunting Restrictions. Consult the current Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis for map details.

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 1 to June 30 during a lawful game hunting season:

- Big Creek Provincial Park (MU 5-3, 5-4)
 - Cariboo Mountains Provincial Park (MU 5-15.)
 - Cariboo River Provincial Park (MU 5-15.)
 - Fiordland Recreation Area (MU 5-9)
 - Flat Lake Provincial Park (MU 5-2)
 - Hakai Recreation Area (MU 5-8)
 - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park (MU 5-12)
 - Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park (MU 5-14)
 - Kluskol Lake Provincial Park (MU 5-13)
 - Moose Valley Provincial Park (MU 5-2)
 - Nazko Lake Provincial Park (MU 5-13)
 - Nunsti Provincial Park (MU 5-4)
 - Schoolhouse Lake Provincial Park (MU 5-2)
 - White Pelican Park (MU 5-13)
 - Ts'yl-os Provincial Park (MU 5-4, 5-5)
 - Tweedsmuir Park And Recreation Area (MU 5-10, 5-11, 5-12, 6-1, 6-2)
- See Maps E17, E18.

Parks and Recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	★5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	5-1 to ★5-4, 5-5 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	2
	5-1 to ★5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-13 to 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	2
Archery Only Seasons	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	5-1, 5-2	Bucks	▼Dec 1 - Dec 10	2
	5-8, ▲5-11	Bucks	▼Dec 1 - Dec 24	2

*See definition on page 79. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

★No more than one buck may be taken in MU 5-4. Antlerless LEH Authorization Holders can take an antlerless deer in MU 5-4 in addition to the one buck. Please take note of the regional bag limit for deer on page 46.

▲A portion of 5-11 only. See Map E18.

▼Successful deer hunters in the December archery only hunts are required to report their kill by submitting one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root) to an official of BC Environment, or by mailing the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return" envelope, which may be obtained from any license issuer, Government Agent or BC Environment office.

MOOSE	★5-2 to 5-6, 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15	Bulls	Oct 15 - Oct 31	1
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★Open season only in a portion of MU 5-2. See Map E8 for the portion of MU 5-2 closed to Open Season, Bull Moose Hunting.

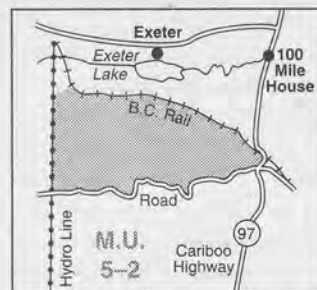
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See special area map - E14.

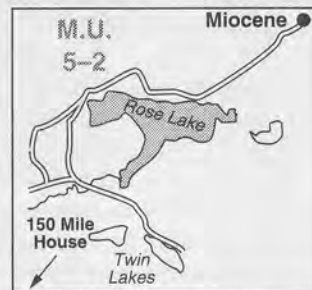
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Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2, 5-3	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
MOUNTAIN GOAT	5-5 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		Sept 1 - Oct 21	1
<i>Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat. See Maps E11, E15, E25, E28.</i>				
CARIBOU	5-12	*Mature Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 15	1
	5-15	*Mature Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 7	1
<i>*See diagram on page 78. The antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				
BLACK BEAR	5-1 to 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 30, Apr 1/97 - June 30/97	2
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30, Apr 1/97 - May 31/97	2
WOLF	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - May 31/97	3
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	3
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	NBL
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 15 - April 30/97	2
<i>Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, cougar in the company of lactating cougar, or cougar kittens.</i>				
BOBCAT	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10(daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season	NBL
<i>The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.</i>				
GROUSE, BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Nov 20	10(30)
<i>The daily aggregate bag limit for blue, spruce (Franklin) and ruffed grouse is 10, 5 for sharp-tailed grouse and 5 for ptarmigan.</i>				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	5-2 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14		Sept 10 - Nov 20	5(10)
PTARMIGAN	5-3, 5-6, 5-10 to 5-12, 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 1	5(15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	5-3		Sept 10 - Nov 20	5(15)
PHEASANT	5-3		Sept 10 - Nov 20	Daily Limit: 3 (only 1 hen) Possession Limit: 9 (only 3 hens)
RAVEN	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Mar 1/97 - May 31/97	5
<i>Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.</i>				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 15	10(20)
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 15	8(16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, CANADA GEESE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 15	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.</i>				

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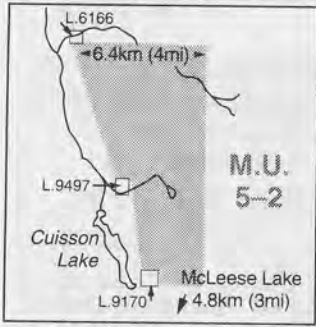
Map E1 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



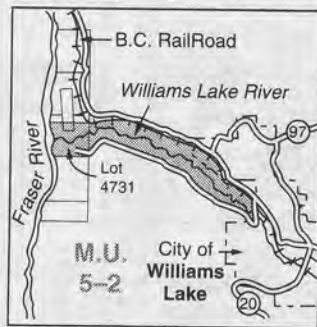
Map E2 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



Map E3 Williams Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



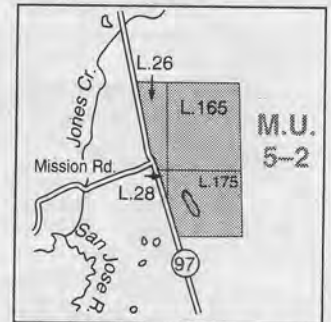
Map E4 Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



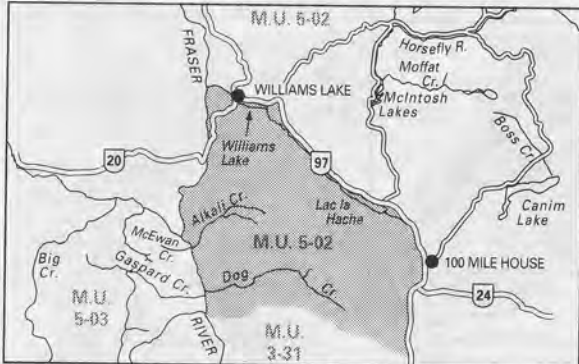
Map E5 Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



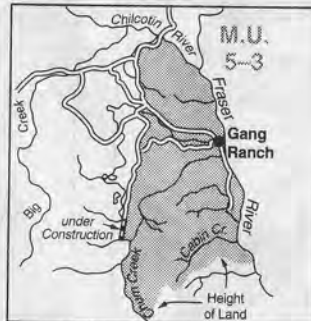
Map E6 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 5-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



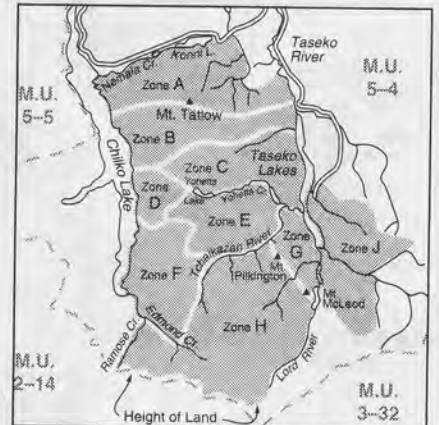
Map E7 Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Restricted Area closed year round (situate in MU 5-2). Road highlighted in white is open.



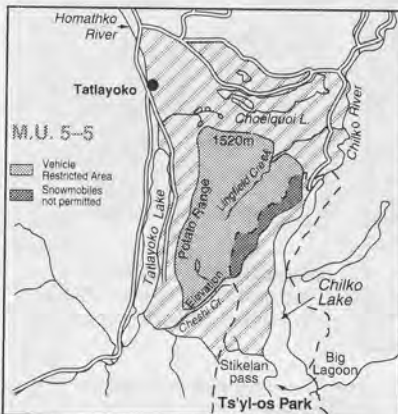
Map E8 Portion of MU 5-02 closed to Open Season, Bull Moose Hunting (situate in MU 5-2)



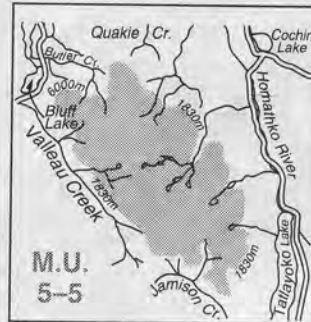
Map E9 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-3).



Map E10 Yohetta Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas for Mountain Goat MU 5-4, zones A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J. The operation of all terrain vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport equipment or wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Yohetta LEH area.



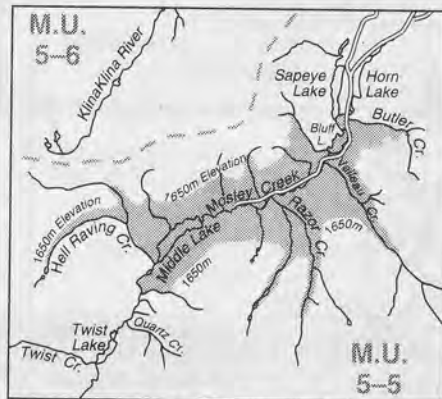
Map E11 Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Access Management Area (situate in MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 m elevation in this area, year round. Snowmobiles permitted Dec 1 - Mar 31 except in Ts'yl-os Park.



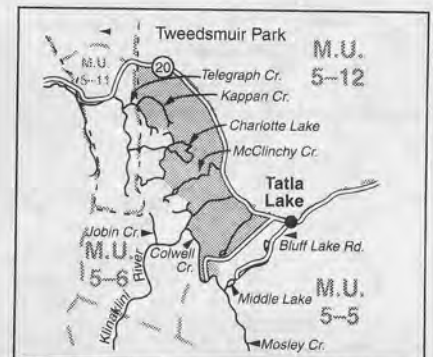
Map E12 Valleau Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-5).



Map E13 Horn-Bluff Lakes 1/4 Mile Road Restriction (situate in MU 5-5). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



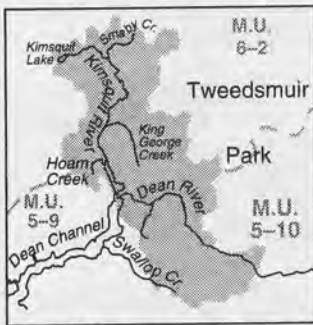
Map E14 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 5-5).



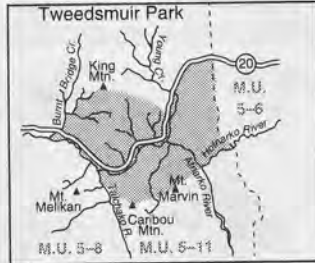
Map E15 Perkins Peak - Kappan Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MUs 5-5, 5-6).

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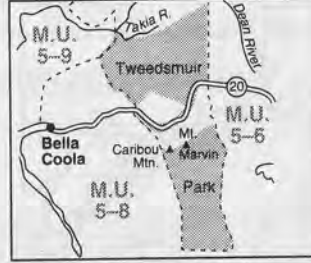
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Map E16 Dean-Kimsquit Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 5-9).



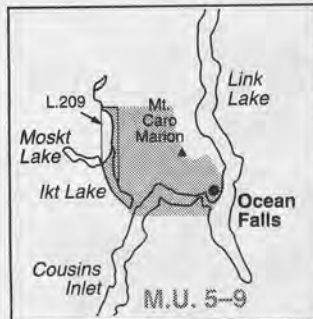
Map E17 Tweedsmuir Park Bow Only Area. The bow and arrow only season for mule (blacked tailed) deer bucks is Dec 1- Dec 24 (situate in MU 5-11). See Map E18 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



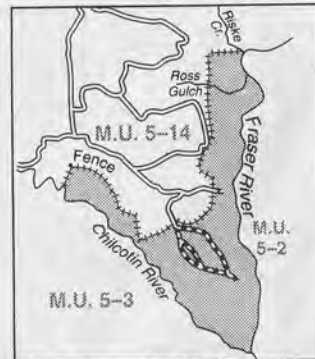
Map E18 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). See Map F1 on Page 55 for more details



Map E19 Tibbles Road Single Projectiles Prohibited Area (situate in MU 5-13).



Map E20 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-9).



Map E21 Junction Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-14). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Road shown in dashed line open April 1 to Nov 30.



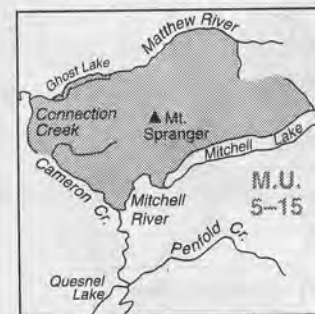
Map E22 Doc English Gulch Motor Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-14). Roads highlighted in white are open. Permission is required to use private road.



Map E23 Eureka Peak Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-15). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles.



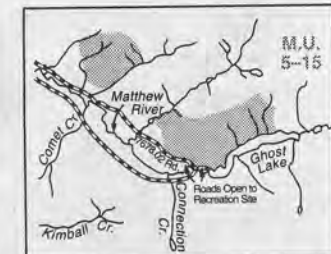
Map E24 West Fraser Road Restricted Area (situate in MUs 5-13, 5-14). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



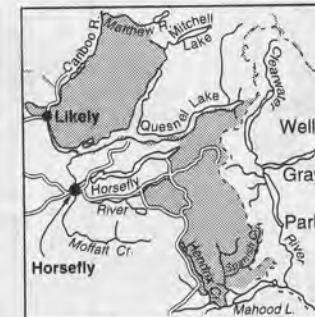
Map E25 Mt. Spranger Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 5-15).



Map E26 Wells No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-15).



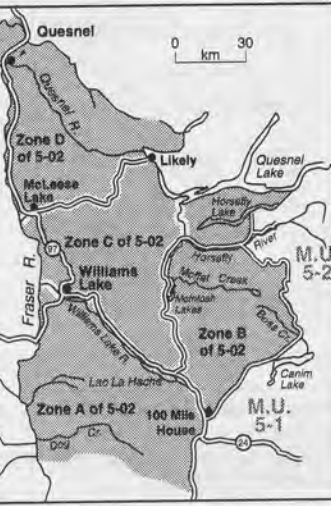
Map E27 Ghost Lake Vehicle Restricted Areas (situate in MU 5-15). Dashed line road is open.



Map E28 Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (situate in MU 5-15).



Map E29 Cariboo Antlerless or Bull Moose and Antlerless Mule Deer Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 5-2).

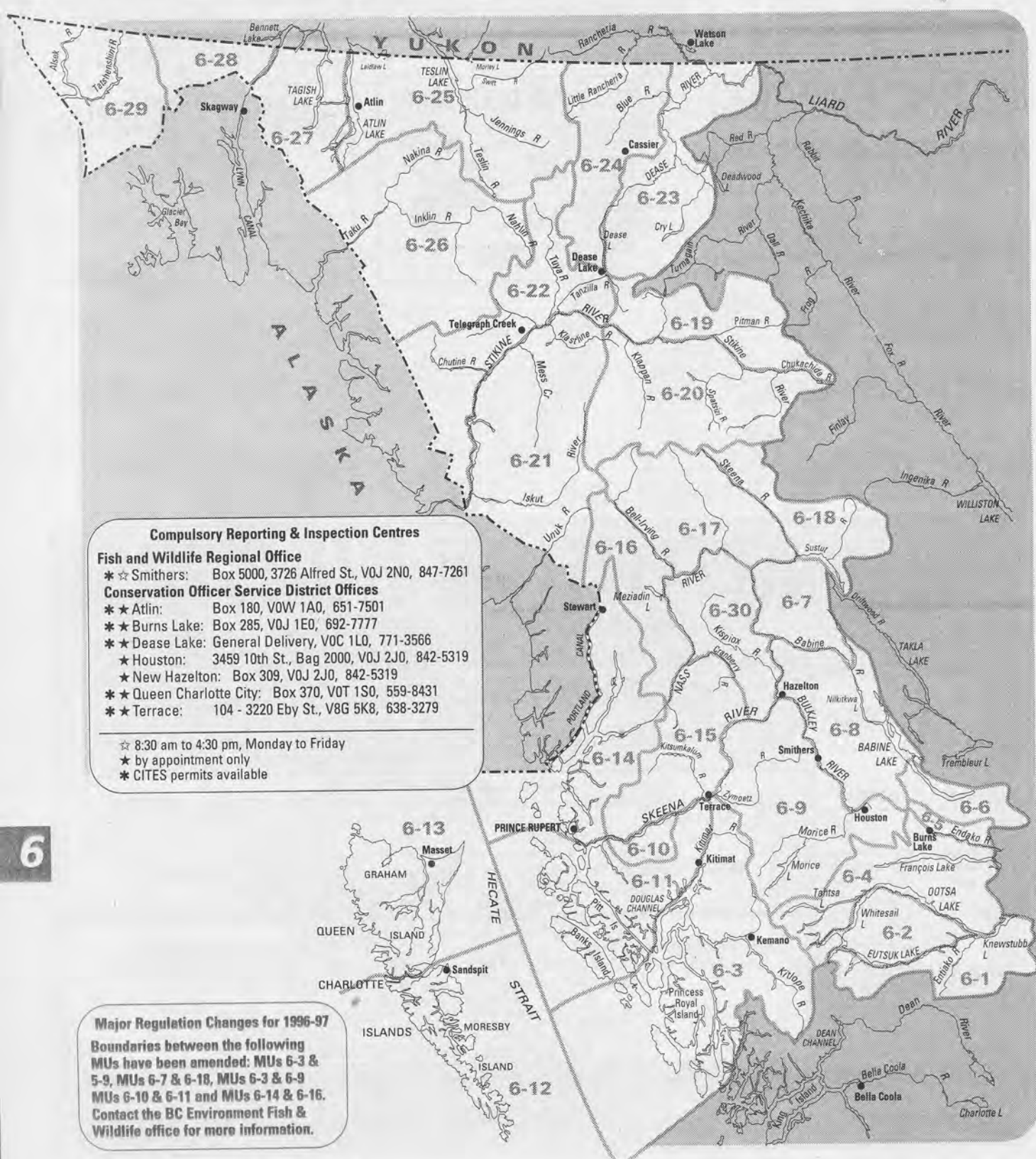


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REGION 6 Skeena

MANAGEMENT UNITS

These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 3rd edition.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

- * ☆ Smithers: Box 5000, 3726 Alfred St., V0J 2N0, 847-7261
- Conservation Officer Service District Offices**
- * ★ Atlin: Box 180, V0W 1A0, 651-7501
- * ★ Burns Lake: Box 285, V0J 1E0, 692-7777
- * ★ Dease Lake: General Delivery, VOC 1L0, 771-3566
- * ★ Houston: 3459 10th St., Bag 2000, V0J 2J0, 842-5319
- * ★ New Hazelton: Box 309, V0J 2J0, 842-5319
- * ★ Queen Charlotte City: Box 370, V0T 1S0, 559-8431
- * ★ Terrace: 104 - 3220 Eby St., V8G 5K8, 638-3279

- ☆ 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
- ★ by appointment only
- * CITES permits available

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Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

Boundaries between the following MUs have been amended: MUs 6-3 & 5-9, MUs 6-7 & 6-18, MUs 6-3 & 6-9, MUs 6-10 & 6-11 and MUs 6-14 & 6-16. Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

Bag Limits

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one, except in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 where the season bag limit is 10. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken in Region 6 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Vehicle Restrictions

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife is prohibited in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30.

The use of snowmobiles for the purpose of transporting wildlife or to transport a hunter to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30, from April 1 to Dec 15.

The use of All-terrain Vehicles (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport hunters, wildlife, firearms or equipment which are intended for, or in support of hunting, is prohibited beyond 400 metres on either side of the Todagin Mtn. mining access road, between Coyote Creek and the end of the Todagin Mtn. mining access road in MU 6-20. See Map F28.

Notice to Hunters

No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on pages 80-81.

Hunters should be aware of the No Shooting Area within 400 metres of either side of the road allowance of the Topley Landing Road (Hwy 118) between Topley Landing and

Granisle (MU 6-8).

- Hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve (MU 6-12).
- The hunting of all wildlife is prohibited within 2 km of either side of the Muddy Lake/Golden Bear Access Road (MUs 6-22, 6-26).
- White (Kermode) and blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear are closed to hunting throughout the Skeena Region. Note that these animals are rarely pure in colour, and are usually somewhat dirty. Hunters should pass up any very light-coloured black bear.
- Lucy Island (in the vicinity of Langara Island, Queen Charlotte Islands) is a Wildlife Sanctuary and hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms are prohibited (MU 6-13).
- Please avoid shooting collared wildlife. See page 80.
- Hunters who harvest a mountain sheep on Todagin Mountain are requested to submit a small sample of the liver to a BC Environment office in the Skeena region. Place sample in a plastic bag, keep cool or frozen, and submit to a BCE office.

Parks and Recreation Areas

Hunters should note that big game seasons in most parks are under Limited Entry Hunting restrictions. Consult the current Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis for map details. In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:

- Atlin Park and Recreation Area** (MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27). See Maps F31, F33 and F34.
- Babine Mountains Recreation Area** (MU 6-8) See Map F12.
- Gitnadoix Recreation Area** (MU 6-10). See Maps F9 and F12.
- Kitlope Heritage Conservancy Protected Area** (MU 6-3) See Map F2
- Mount Edziza Park and Recreation Area** (MU 6-21) See Map F29.
- Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park** (MU 6-15).
- Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park** (MUs 6-19, 6-20). (Avoid shooting collared wildlife.) See Maps F24, F25, F26, F27.
- Stikine River Recreation Area** (MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-21, 6-22). See Maps F24, F25, F26, F27 and F29.
- Tweedsmuir Park and Recreation Area** (MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4). See Map F1.
- Naikoon Park** (MU 6-13). No person shall hunt or discharge firearms from April 1 to September 14. See Map F16.
- Boya Lake Park** (MU 6-23). No person shall hunt or discharge firearms from April 1 to September 30.
- Tatshenshini-Alsek Wilderness Park** (MU 6-29) See Map F32.

- Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms. All individuals hunting in a provincial park or recreation area should be aware that the Park Act and Park Act regulations apply.
- Hunting of wildlife is prohibited in the valley below 1,000 meters A.S.L. (above sea level) within **Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary Park** (MU6-14) See Map F20.

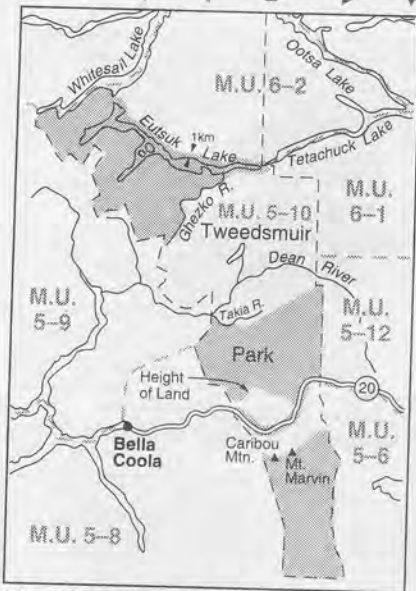
Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	6-12, 6-13	Bucks	June 1 - Feb 28/97	◆10(10)
	6-12, 6-13	Antlerless	Oct 4 - Feb 28/97	
Archery Only Seasons	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1

★ See definition on page 79. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

◆ The possession limit for deer in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 3 (See Queen Charlotte Island Mule deer licence information on page 7). See Notice to Hunters.

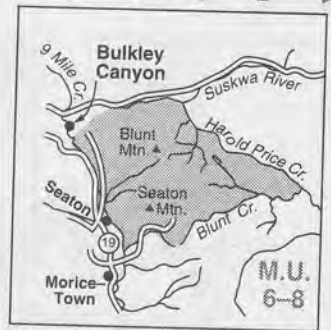
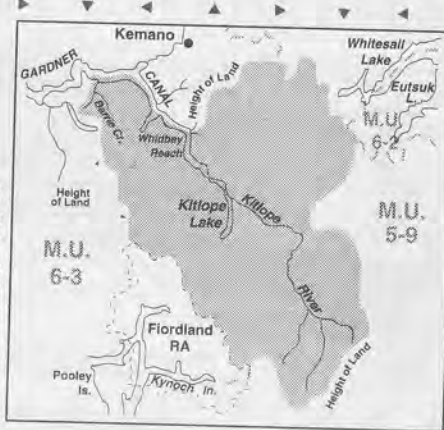
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Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WHITE-TAILED DEER	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
Archery Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	
MOOSE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15, 6-30	★Bulls	Oct 20 - Nov 5	1
	6-3, 6-11, 6-14, 6-16	★Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	6-17, 6-18 to 6-29	★Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 15	1
Archery Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	★Bulls	Nov 16 - Nov 20	1
<i>Parts of Several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F1, F9 and F24</i>				
★Successful moose hunters must report their kill by submitting one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root) to an official of BC Environment, or by mailing the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return" envelope, which may be obtained from any licence issuer, Government Agent or BC Environment office.				
ELK	6-13	Bulls	Sept 15 - Nov 15	1
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	6-17, 6-18 to 6-26, ★6-27, 6-29	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
<i>See Maps F24, F29, F31, F32, F34. ★A portion of 6-27 only. See Map F34.</i>				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	6-3, 6-7, 6-11, 6-17 to 6-30		Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
	6-14 to 6-16		Aug 1 - Nov 15	1
<i>See special area maps. Special Bow and Arrow Only Season: See Maps F3, F12, F28.</i>				
<i>Parts of several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F12, F22, F25, F26, F28, F29, F31, F33, F35.</i>				
CARIBOU	6-17, 6-18, 6-22, 6-24 to 6-27	★5 point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 10	1
	6-19, 6-23	★5 point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
	6-20	★5 point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
★See definition on page 78. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
<i>See special area maps. Parts of MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-25 and 6-26 are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F24, F30.</i>				
BLACK BEAR	6-1 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 15	2
	6-1 to 6-30		Apr 1/97 - June 30/97	2
WOLF	6-1 to 6-30		★Aug 1 - June 15/97	3
★In that portion of MUs 6-1 and 6-2 being Tweedsmuir Park, the open season for wolf is Sept 1 - Mar 31/97				
COYOTE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	10
WOLVERINE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 15 - Jan 15/97	1
LYNX	6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-9, 6-16 to 6-30		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	1
RACCOON	6-12, 6-13		No closed season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	6-1 to 6-30		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	6-1 to 6-30		Sept 10 - Nov 15	10(30)
<i>The daily aggregate bag limit for all grouse (except Sharp Tailed Grouse) is 10.</i>				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	6-19 to 6-29		Sept 10 - Nov 15	3(9)
PTARMIGAN	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Aug 15 - Feb 28/97	10(30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10(20)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 5 - Jan 19/97	10(20)
DUCKS	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8(16)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 5 - Jan 19/97	8(16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 6.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 5 - Jan 19/97	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.</i>				
CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 2 - Jan 16/97	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.</i>				



Map F1 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). The general open hunting season for bull moose in Tweedsmuir Park is Oct 20 to Nov 15.

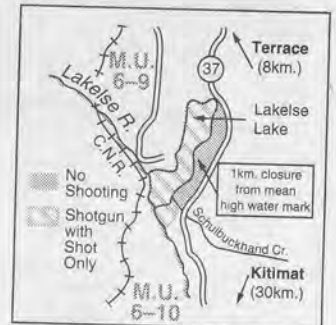
Map F2 Kitlope Grizzly Bear Closure. The hunting of grizzly bear is prohibited in the area shown (situate in MU 6-3).



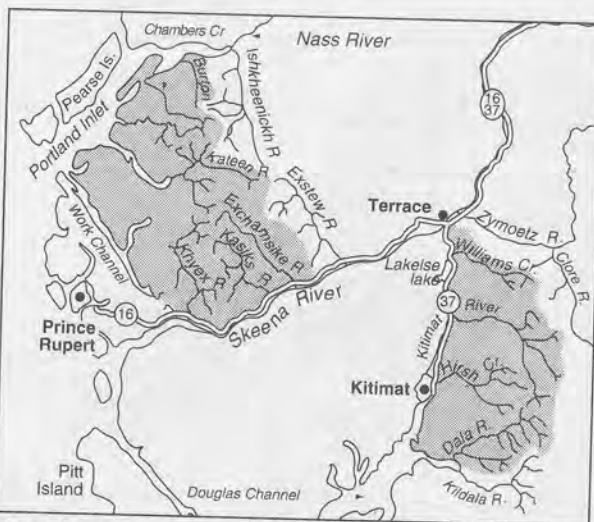
Map F3 Blunt Mountain Special Area (situate in MU6-8). The open season for bow hunting of mountain goat is Aug 15 to Oct. 19.



Map F4 Babine River No Shooting Area and Grizzly Bear Closed Area (Sept 1 - Nov 15 only) 1 km on either side of river (situate in MU 6-8).



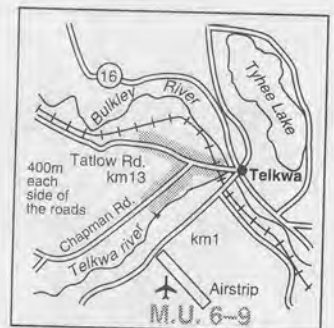
Map F5 Lakelse Lake No Shooting Area and Shotguns Only Area (situate in MU 6-9).



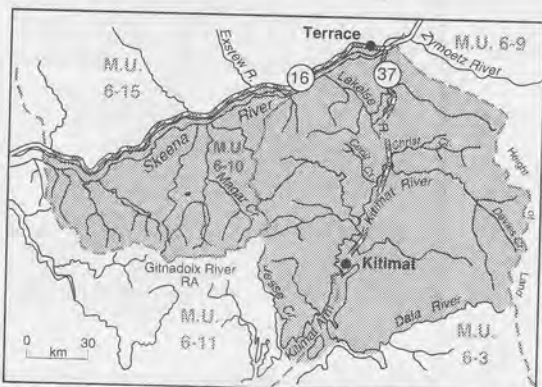
Map F6 Transition and Coastal Grizzly Bear Closed Areas (situate in MUs 6-3, 6-14, 6-15).



Map F7 Grantham Road Subdivision No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



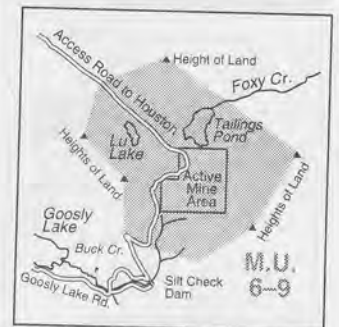
Map F8 Tatlow Road No Shooting Area 0.4 km either side of road (situate in MU 6-9).



Map F9 Smithers Bull Moose Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in portions of 6-3, 6-10 and 6-11). The general open hunting season for bull moose in this area is from Oct 20 to Nov 5 only.

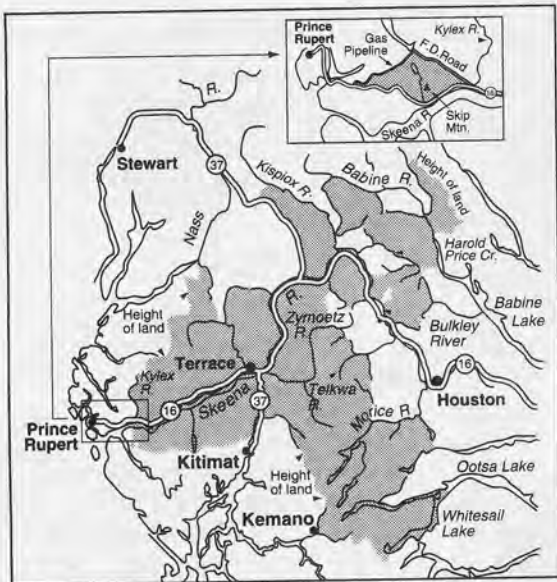


Map F10 Lake Kathlyn No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).

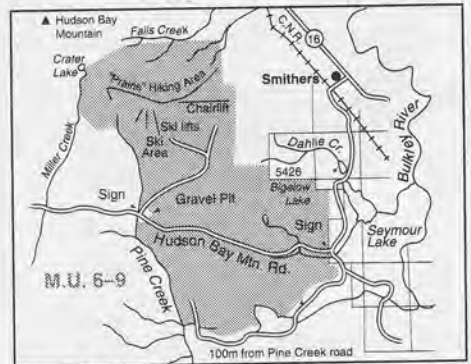


Map F11 Equity Mine Property No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).

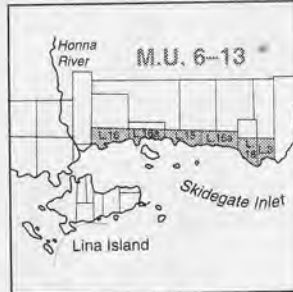
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Map F12 Skeena and Babine Mtn. Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 6-3, 6-4, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30). Note: no open season for mountain goats on Skip Mountain (situate in MU 6-14).



Map F13 Hudson Bay Mountain and Smithers Community Forest No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).

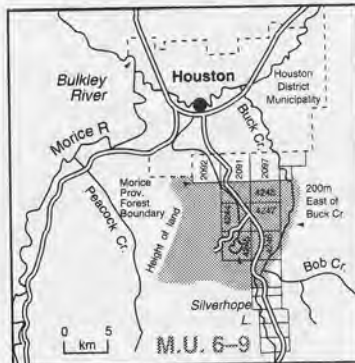
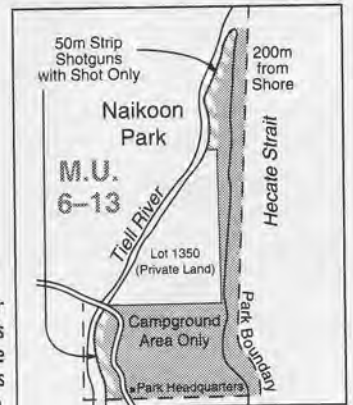


Map F15 Queen Charlotte City No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-13)

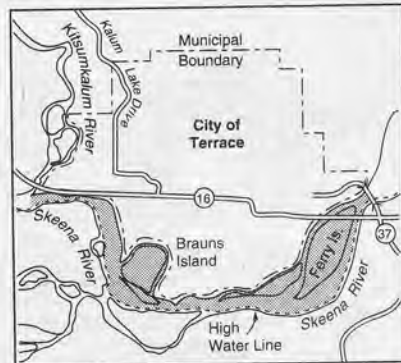


Map F14 Sandspit No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-12).

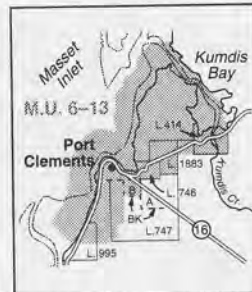
Map F16 Naikoon Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-13). Hunters should note the 50 metre strips along the banks of the Tliell River are open for Shotguns with Shot Only as indicated on map.



Map F17 Houston Community Forest No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



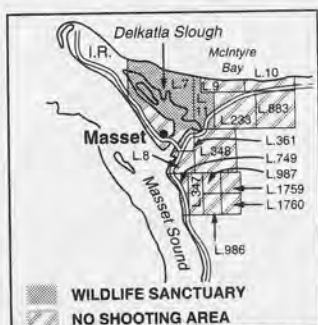
Map F18 City of Terrace No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 6-9, 6-15).



Map F19 Port Clements No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-13).



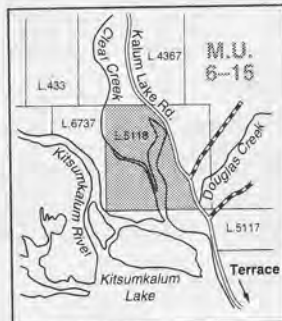
Map F20 Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary Park No Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-14). Hunting of wildlife prohibited in the valley below 1,000 m above sea level.



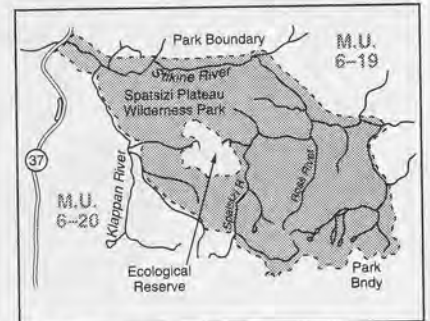
Map F21 Masset No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-13). Delkatla Slough Wildlife Sanctuary - no hunting trapping or discharge of firearms.



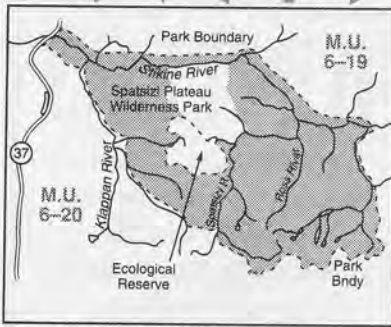
Map F22 Bear Pass Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-14).



Map F23 North Kitsumkalum Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-15).



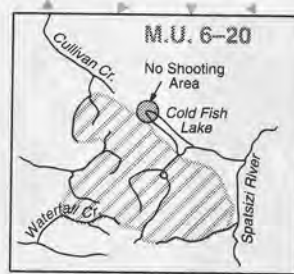
Map F24 Spatsizi Caribou, Mountain Sheep and Moose Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MU 6-19, 6-20).



Map F25 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-19, 6-20).



Map F26 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 6-20).



Map F27 Spatsizi (Cold Fish-Gladys Lake) Ecological Reserve No Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-20). Cold Fish Lake Camp No Shooting Area: The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 1 km of Cold Fish Lake Camp.



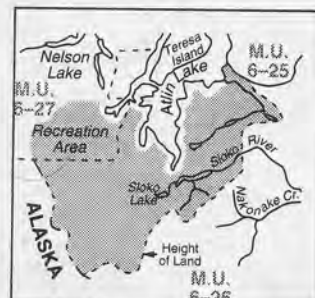
Map F28 Todayin Mountain No Shooting Area, Mountain Goat Closed Area and ATV Prohibited Area (situate in MU 6-20). See vehicle restrictions on page 53.



Map F29 Mt. Edziza Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MU 6-21).



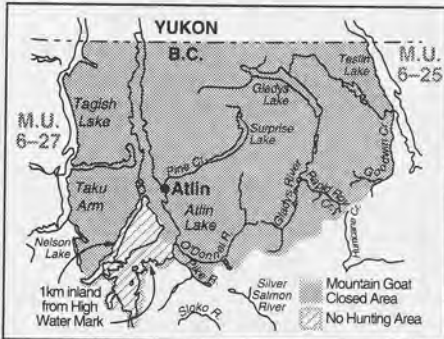
Map F30 Kawdy Caribou Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-25 and 6-26). Caribou hunting is by LEH only.



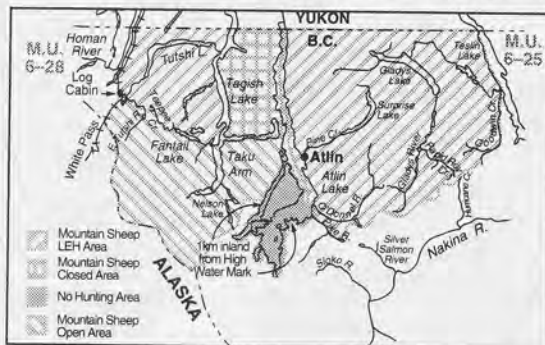
Map F31 Atlin Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting only Area and Atlin Park Mountain Sheep and Caribou Closed Area (situate in MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27).



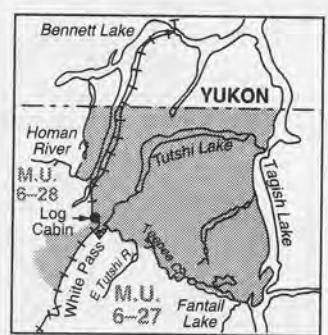
Map F32 Tatshenshini Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-28, 6-29).



Map F33 Atlin Park Mountain Goat Closed and No Hunting Area (situate in MUs 6-25, 6-27).



Map F34 Atlin Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area and Mountain Sheep Open Area from Aug 1 - Oct 15 (situate in MU 6-25, 6-27).



Map F35 Tagish Highlands Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MUs 6-27, 6-28).

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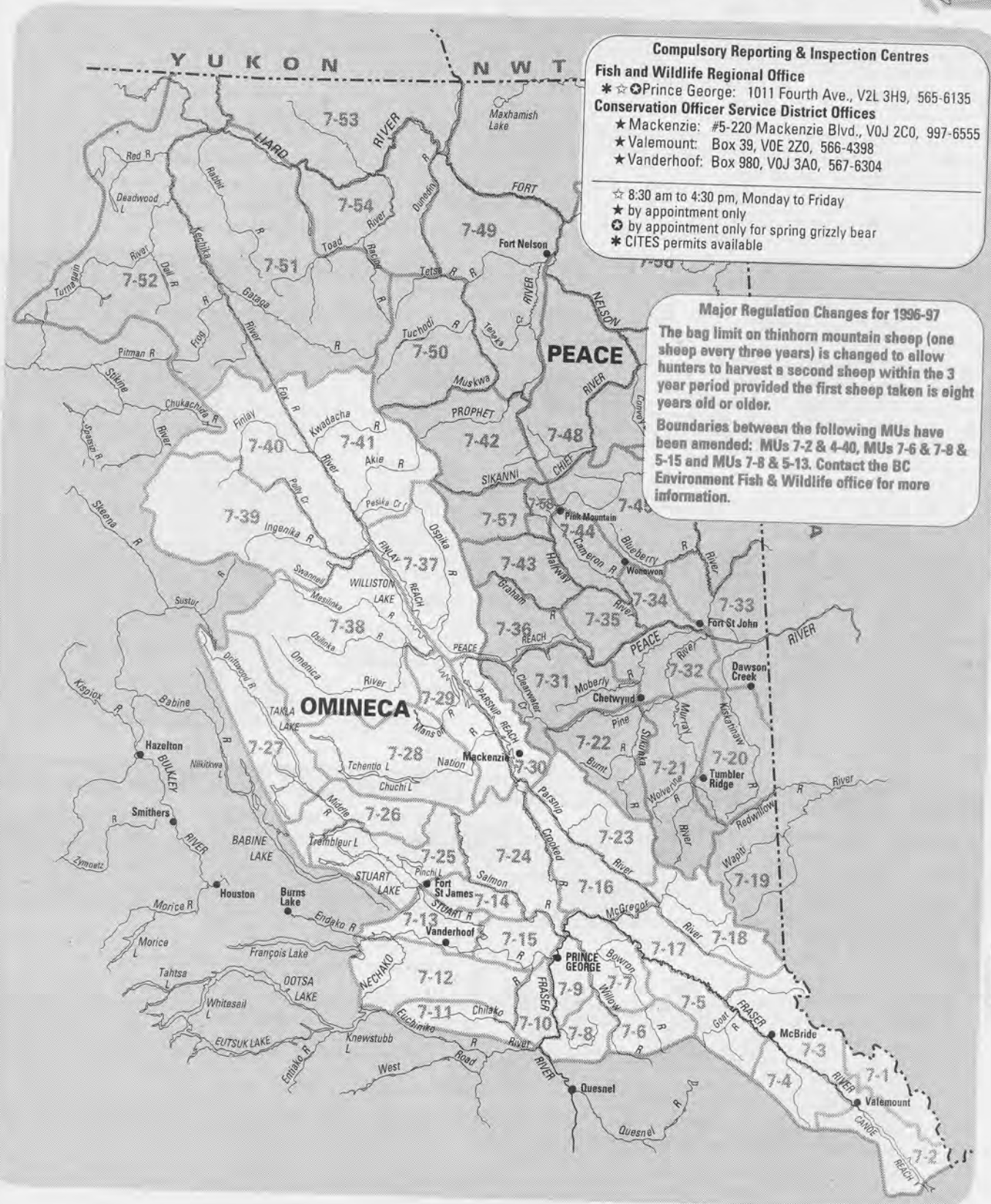
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MANAGEMENT UNITS



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Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

- Fish and Wildlife Regional Office**
 * ☆ Prince George: 1011 Fourth Ave., V2L 3H9, 565-6135
- Conservation Officer Service District Offices**
 * Mackenzie: #5-220 Mackenzie Blvd., VOJ 2C0, 997-6555
 * Valemount: Box 39, VOE 2Z0, 566-4398
 * Vanderhoof: Box 980, VOJ 3A0, 567-6304

- ☆ 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
- ★ by appointment only
- ⊙ by appointment only for spring grizzly bear
- * CITES permits available

Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

The bag limit on thimhorn mountain sheep (one sheep every three years) is changed to allow hunters to harvest a second sheep within the 3 year period provided the first sheep taken is eight years old or older.

Boundaries between the following MUs have been amended: MUs 7-2 & 4-40, MUs 7-6 & 7-8 & 5-15 and MUs 7-8 & 5-13. Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

Bag Limits

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, only one may be a buck taken during a general open season and one may be antlerless available only under a Limited Entry Hunting authorization. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

Grouse: The regional daily bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), ruffed and ptarmigan) is 10 of each species.

Thinhorn Mountain Sheep: The regional bag limit is one sheep in three years. A hunter who harvests a thinhorn sheep cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and two subsequent calendar years have expired. A hunter may take a second thinhorn sheep if the first sheep killed is determined by compulsory inspection to be eight years old or older. Contact the BC Environment office in Prince George for more information.

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, hunters are required to submit the front incisor tooth of all moose taken in Region 7A (Omineca) within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Vehicle Restrictions Omineca Sub-Region

There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region.

Information signs may be posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

- ▼ All Motor Vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife or to transport hunters.
- ◆ ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for purposes of hunting, or to transport hunters, hunting supplies, wildlife or firearms to or from the location of wildlife.

▲ Snowmobiles for the purpose of hunting

MUs 7-2 TO 7-18, 7-23 TO 7-30 and 7-37 TO 7-39

▲ from Mar 31 to Dec 15

MU 7-3

▼ Morkill Forest Road northerly of its crossing Fraser River

MUs 7-7 to 7-15

- ◆ 4:30am to 8:00am from Aug 15 to Aug 31
- ◆ 5:30am to 9:00am from Sept 1 to Sept 30
- ◆ 6:30am to 10:00am from Oct 1 to Nov 15

MUs 7-38, 7-39

◆ the entire area

MU 7-40

▼ on all side roads of the Finlay Russel Forest Road leading towards the Russel Range

Notice to Hunters

Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep (a) an incisor tooth, of a calf moose, and (b) the antlers and an incisor tooth of a bull moose, taken in the Omineca sub-region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken together and available for inspection by an officer of BC Environment.

A few white moose have been noticed in MU 7-13. Hunters are requested not to shoot a white moose due to their uniqueness and viewing value to all people who enjoy wildlife.

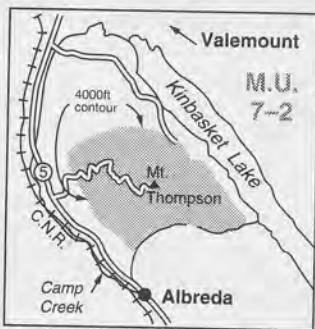
Parks and Recreation Areas

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:

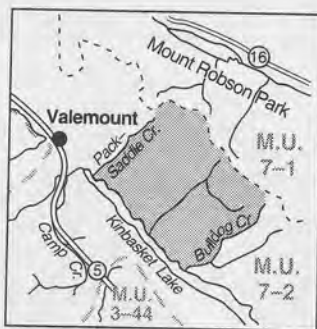
- Carp Lake Park (MU 7-24)
 - Kwadacha Recreation Area (MU 7-41).
 - Kwadacha Wilderness Park (MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50).
 - Stuart Lake Park (MU7-25).
 - Tatlatui Park (No open season for mountain sheep) (MU7-39).
- Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
	7-6 to 7-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
Archery Only Season ★See definition on page 79. The antlers must accompany the species licence.	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
Archery Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	★Immature Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 5	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	+Calves	Oct 10 - Oct 25	1
	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	1
Archery Only Season ★See definition on page 79. Note: for all bull moose taken in Region 7, the antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence. For calf moose an incisor tooth must accompany carcass to residence or meatcutter. *Open only for calf moose less than 12 months of age. See special area maps. Please note concurrent LEH only season in a portion of MU 7-39 (See Map G19). Also MUs 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38.	7-2 to 7-15	★Immature Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1

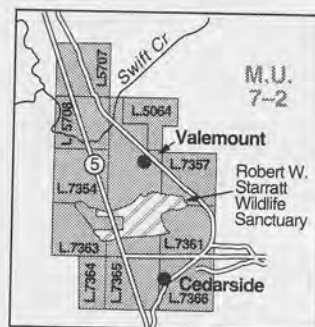
Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
ELK	7-41	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
★See definition on Page 78. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-18	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
Tatlatui Provincial Park in MU 7-39 closed to mountain sheep hunting. See page 60 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	7-3 to 7-5, 7-17, 7-18, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
MUs 7-3, 7-4. (See Map G6). See special area maps. Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting.				
CARIBOU	7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
★See diagram on page 78. See special area maps. For MU 7-39 See Map G19.				
BLACK BEAR	7-18, 7-23, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Nov 15	2
	7-18, 7-23, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 15/97 - June 15/97	2
	7-2 to 7-17, 7-24 to 7-30		Sept 1 - Nov 15	2
	7-2 to 7-17, 7-24 to 7-30		Apr 15/97 - June 15/97	2
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - May 31/97	3
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15/97	1
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
BLUE GROUSE	7-2 to 7-7, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27, 7-28, 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 10 - Nov 15	10(30)
SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 of each (30 of each)
PTARMIGAN	7-2 to 7-6, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Feb 28/97	10(30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10(20)
DUCKS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8.				
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, CANADA GEESE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.				



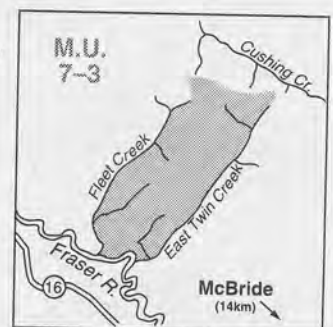
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-2).



Map G2 Canoe Reach Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 7-2).



Map G3 Valemount No Shooting Area, Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 7-2). No Hunting, Trapping or the Discharge of Firearms. Lot numbers available from BC Environment Conservation Officer Service in Valemount & Prince George.

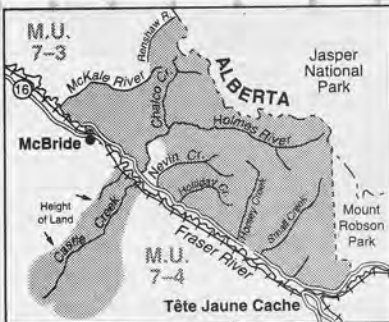


Map G4 East Twin Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-3).

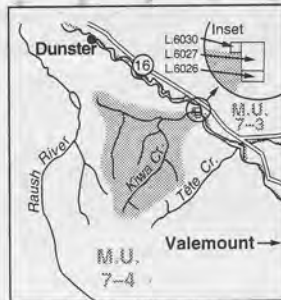


Map G5 Holmes River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-3).

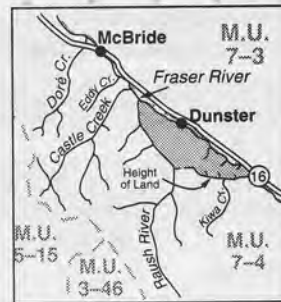
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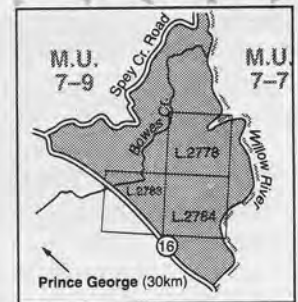
Map G6 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat closed areas. Hunting of Mtn. Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situate in MU 7-3 and MU 7-4).



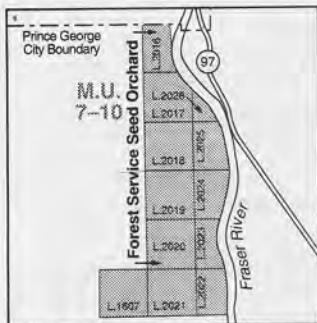
Map G7 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-4).



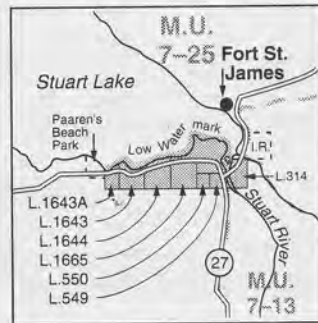
Map G8 Dunster Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-3).



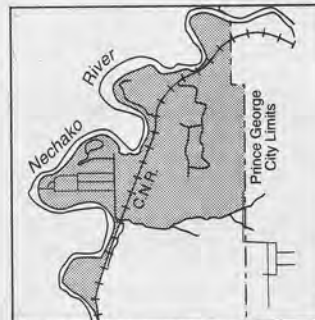
Map G9 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-9).



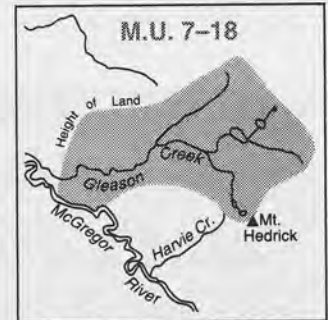
Map G10 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-10).



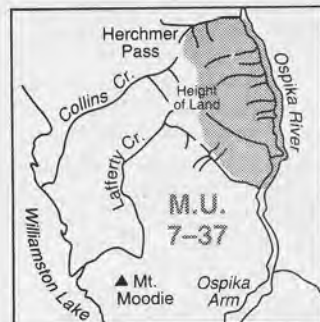
Map G11 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 7-13, 7-25).



Map G12 Miworth No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-15).



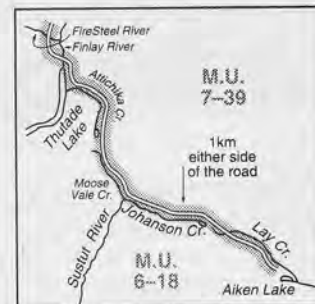
Map G13 Gleason Creek Mtn Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-18).



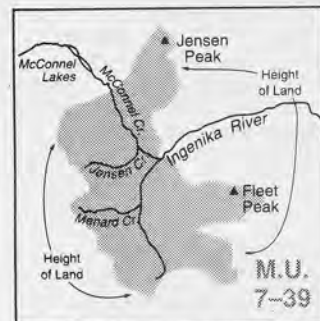
Map G14 Ospika River Mtn Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-37).



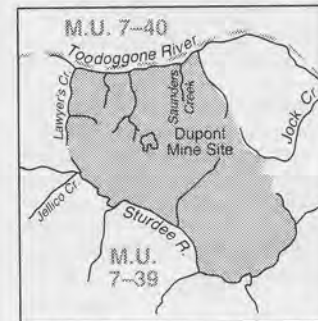
Map G15 Mt. Ogden Mountain Goat and Caribou Closed Area (situate in MU 7-38).



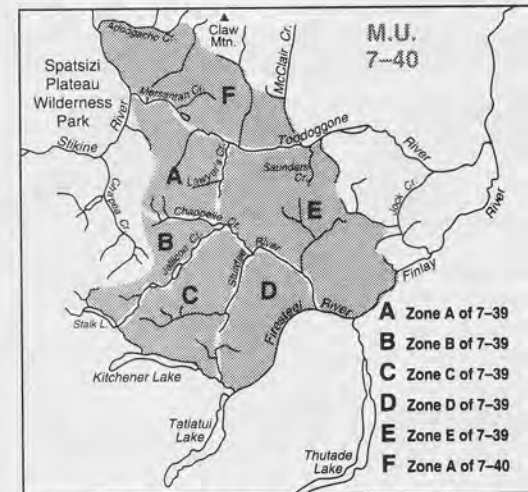
Map G16 Omineca Mining Road Extension No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 6-18, 7-39).



Map G17 McConnell Creek No Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-39).



Map G18 Edozadelly No Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-39). Hunting of all wildlife species except caribou and moose (Limited Entry Hunting only) is prohibited.

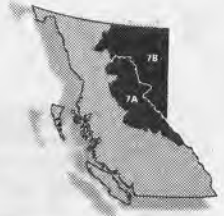


Map G19 Black Lake Moose and Edozadelly Caribou closed areas.

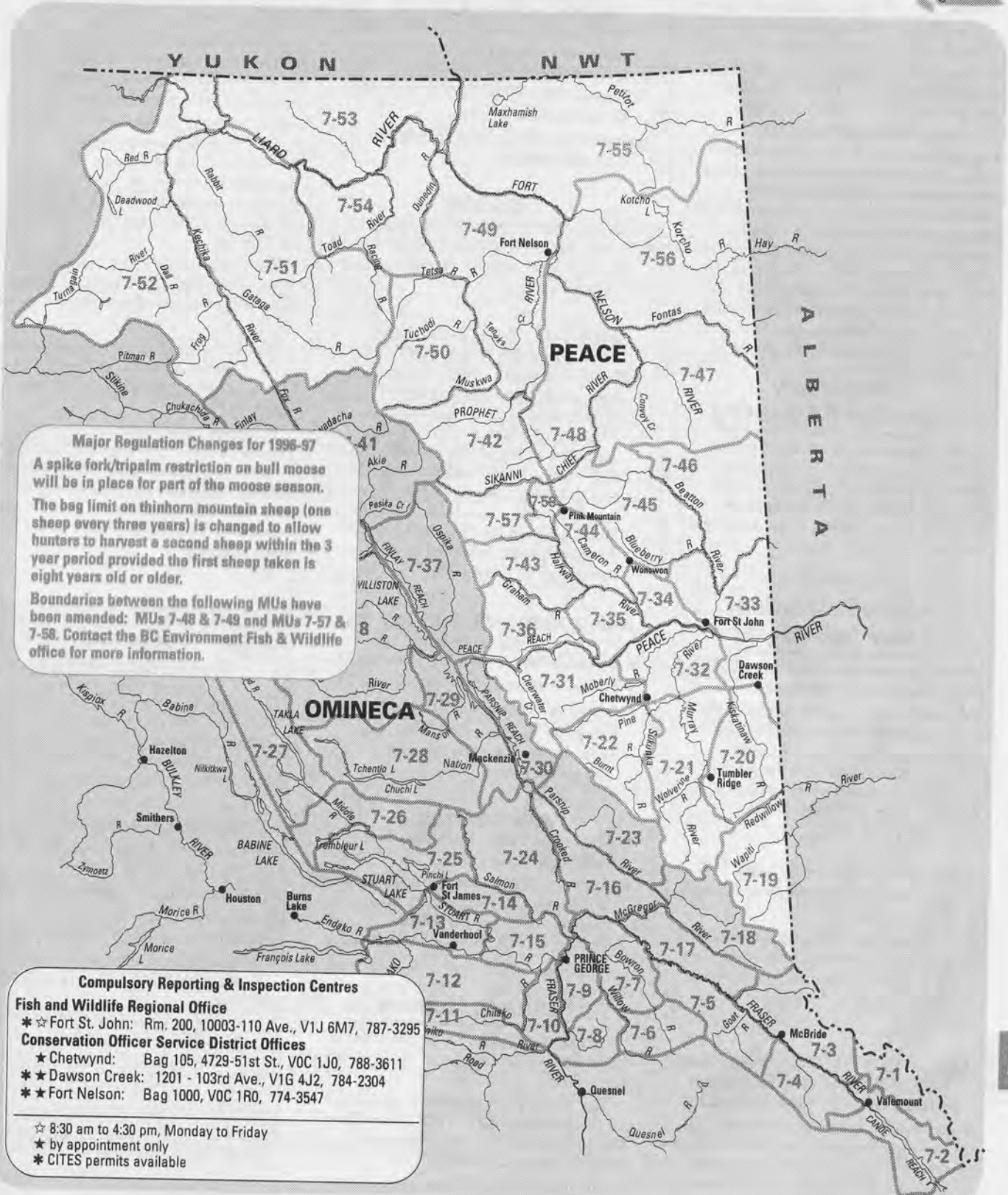
Hunting of moose is prohibited in Zone E of 7-39 except for LEH permit holders. Hunting of caribou is prohibited in Zones A to E of 7-39 and in Zone A of 7-40 except for LEH permit holders.

REGION 7B
Peace

MANAGEMENT
UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 3rd edition.



Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

A spike fork/tripalm restriction on bull moose will be in place for part of the moose season.

The bag limit on thimble mountain sheep (one sheep every three years) is changed to allow hunters to harvest a second sheep within the 3 year period provided the first sheep taken is eight years old or older.

Boundaries between the following MUs have been amended: MUs 7-48 & 7-49 and MUs 7-57 & 7-58. Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

* ☆ Fort St. John: Rm. 200, 10003-110 Ave., V1J 6M7, 787-3295

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

★ Chetwynd: Bag 105, 4729-51st St., VOC 1J0, 788-3611

★★ Dawson Creek: 1201 - 103rd Ave., V1G 4J2, 784-2304

★★ Fort Nelson: Bag 1000, VOC 1R0, 774-3547

☆ 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday

★ by appointment only

★ CITES permits available



Bag Limits

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two; only one may be a buck and one may be antlerless available only under a Limited Entry Hunting authorization. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

Grouse: The regional daily bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), ruffed and ptarmigan) is 10 of each species.

Thinhorn Mountain Sheep: The regional bag limit is one sheep in three years. A hunter who harvests a thinhorn sheep cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and two subsequent calendar years have expired. A hunter may take a second thinhorn sheep if the first sheep killed is determined by compulsory inspection to be eight years old or older. Contact the BC Environment office in Fort St. John for more information.

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all elk taken in Region 7 (Peace) must be Compulsory Inspected within 10 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Vehicle Restrictions Peace Sub-Region

There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Sub-region.

Information signs may be posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

★ All Motor Vehicles

▼ All Motor Vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife or to transport hunters.

◆ ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for purposes of hunting, or to transport hunters, hunting supplies, wildlife or firearms to or from the location of wildlife.

MUs 7-19, 7-31, 7-35, 7-36, 7-43, 7-53, 7-57 and the Southeast portion of 7-21 (see Map G29)

★ above 1400 metres in elevation.

However, the use of snowmobiles (less than 450 kg in weight) is permitted from Nov 1 to Mar 31. The following

trails and roads are open year round:
BC Forest Service Onion Lake Trail (MU 7-21)

Eso Belcourt Road (MU 7-19)

Talisman et al Murray Road (c-22-E/93-1-15), Quintette Mtn. (MU 7-21)

Sceptre et al Murray Road (b-20-L/93-1-15), Babcock Mtn. (MU 7-31)

Talisman PCP Falls (d-86-E/93-0-09), Mt Bickford (MU 7-31)

Contact BCE office in Fort St. John for more information.

MUs 7-36

◆ east of Aylard Creek and the unnamed creek due north of Aylard Creek that flows into the Graham River, from Aug 15 to Oct 31.

MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57

★ Muskwa - Kechika Access Management Area: restriction applies to vehicles other than aircraft in portions of these MUs. Use of a motor vehicle is only permitted within 400 m on either side of the centreline of designated access routes. Use of a snowmobile is allowed anywhere in the area from Nov. 1 to Mar. 31. Use of the Sikanni-Loranger designated route is limited to vehicles under 450 kg. (Map G36).

MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58

◆ 4:30am to 8:00am from Aug 15 to Aug 31.

◆ 5:30am to 9:00am from Sept 1 to Sept 30.

◆ 6:30am to 10:00am from Oct 1 to Nov 15.

Except for designated trails on Map G36, the Muskwa - Kechika Access Management Area.

MUs 7-21, 7-22

▼ BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road

★ above the 1524 metre elevation in the Bullmoose Chamberlain Mt. area, excepting BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road

Notice to Hunters

•No Shooting Areas: Please note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on pages 80-81.

•The discharge of firearms is prohibited on the west half of Lot 1323, Peace River District, in which Halfway Elementary School is located. See Map G39.

•The discharge of firearms using single

projectiles is prohibited within 400 m (1/4 mile) of either side of:

Road 520 between Hudson's Hope and the W.A.C. Bennett Dam,

Road 190 between Road 520 and Dunlevy Creek.

•The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily in the Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Areas. See Map G23.

•The discharge of firearms is prohibited on Fort St. John's sewage lagoons, that is the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 83, Range 18, West of the 6th Meridian; and Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 83, Range 18, West of the 6th Meridian.

•There is no shooting or hunting within 200m of the high water mark of Radar Lake in the vicinity of the City of Dawson Creek.

•The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the Dokie subdivision in the vicinity of Chetwynd (MU 7-22 and 7-31). See Map G30

•Kluachesi Lake Restricted Uses Area (Situate in MU 7-50). Hunters should be aware of the restricted uses area within the 500 metre perimeter surrounding Kluachesi Lake. Contact the Fort Nelson Forest District office (604-744-3936) for more information.

Parks and Recreation Areas

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:

• Kakwa Recreation Area (MU 7-19). See Map G20.

• Kwadacha Wilderness Park (MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50).

• Monkman Park (MU 7-21).

• Muncho Lake Park (MUs 7-51, 7-54). See Map G45.

• Stone Mountain Park (MUs 7-50, 7-51, 7-54) See Map G42.

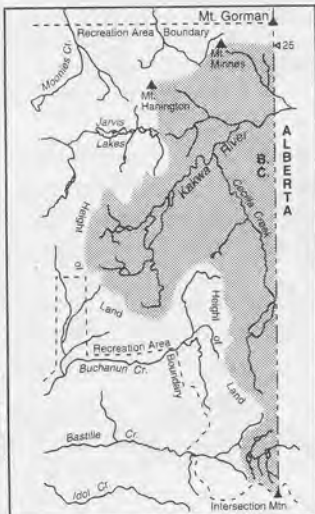
• Wokkpush Recreation Area (MU 7-51).

•Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

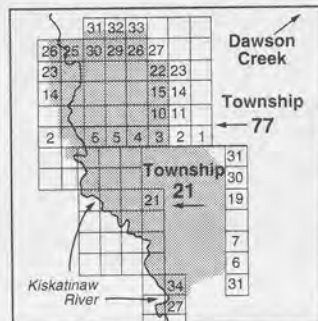
Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 20	
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-47	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	
	7-42, 7-48 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
Archery Only Season	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 21	
★See definition on page 79. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 20	
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-46	Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	
	7-42, 7-57, 7-58	Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
Archery Only Season	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 to Sept 21	
MOOSE	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	
	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58	★Bulls	Sept 1 to Oct 31	
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Oct 16 - Oct 31	
	Archery Only Season	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Oct 1 - Oct 15
★Open only for bull moose:				
(a) having no more than two points (tines) on one antler ("legal immature bull moose") or (b) having antlers with at least three points (tines) on one brow palm ("legal mature bull moose"). See definition on page 79.				
The antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence.				
Note: Moose seasons in the Peace region are on a trial basis and their value will be reviewed at the end of the hunting season to determine whether they will be maintained in future years.				
ELK	7-42, 7-57, 7-58	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	
	7-49, 7-50	★3 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 9	
	7-49, 7-50	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 31	
	7-48, 7-51, 7-53, 7-54	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 10	
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-46	★3 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-46	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 31	
	7-50	▼Antlerless	Aug 20 - Aug 25	
	★See definition on page 78. The antlers must accompany the species licence.			
See page 8 for Compulsory Inspection details.				
▼Open only in that part of the Tuchodi River watershed above Childers Creek and below Margison Creek plus the Gathto Creek watershed above Marten Creek and below Gary Powell Creek. See Map G41.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP				
	7-19	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	
See special area maps.				
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP				
	7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	
See page 64 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT				
	7-36, 7-43		Aug 15 - Oct 15	
	▲7-42, ★7-50 to 7-52, 7-57		Sept 1 - Sept 30	
See special area map G37, G40 ★See Map G43. ▲ See Map G44.				
Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
CARIBOU	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 14	
	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43	Bulls	Sept 15 - Oct 15	
	7-42, 7-48, 7-49, 7-55, 7-56	★5 Point Bulls	Oct 1 - Oct 10	
	7-50 to 7-54, 7-57	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 14	
	7-50 to 7-54, 7-57	Bulls	Sept 15 - Sept 30	
Archery Only Season	7-58	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 30	
★See definition on page 78. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See special area maps.				

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Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
BLACK BEAR	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 15 - Nov 15	2
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Apr 15/97 - June 15/97	2
<i>See page 9 for restrictions on bears.</i>				
WOLF	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - June 15/97	3
COYOTE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Mar 31/97	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-47 to 7-58		Oct 15 - Jan 15/97	1
LYNX	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Nov 15 - Feb 15/97	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
BLUE GROUSE	7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, and			
	7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10(30)
SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 of each (30 of each)
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	7-20 to 7-22, 7-32 to 7-35, and			
	7-44 to 7-49, 7-52 to 7-56, 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	3(9)
PTARMIGAN	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, and			
	7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-55, 7-57		Aug 15 - Feb 28/97	10(30)
RAVEN	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45, 7-46		No Closed Season	5
	<i>Hunting of raven is restricted to private land only.</i>			
COOTS, COMMON SNIPES	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10(20)
<i>See Map G33</i>				
DUCKS	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8(16)
	<i>See Map G33. Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8.</i>			
CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
	<i>See Map G33. The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.</i>			



Map G20 Kakwa No Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-19).



Map G21 Bear Mountain Area (situate in MU 7-20). From June 1 to Oct 15 hunting is prohibited.



Map G22 One Island Restricted Firearms Area (situate in MU 7-20). Shotguns with Shot Only from June 1 to Oct 15.



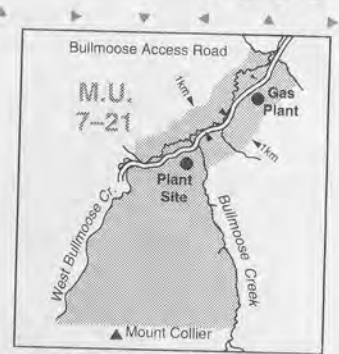
Map G23 Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Areas (situate in MUs 7-20, 7-33). The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.



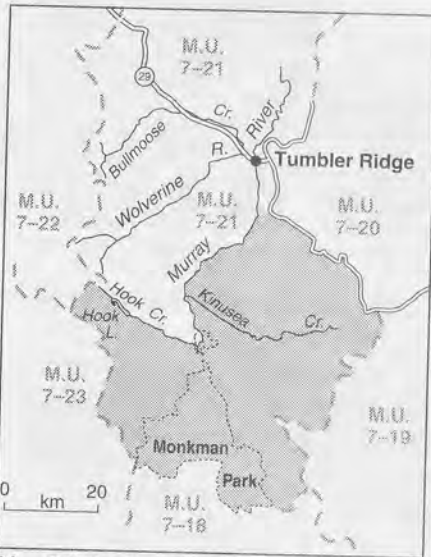
Map G24 Groundbirch Restricted Firearms Area (situate in MU 7-21). Shotguns with shot only from June 1 to Oct 31.



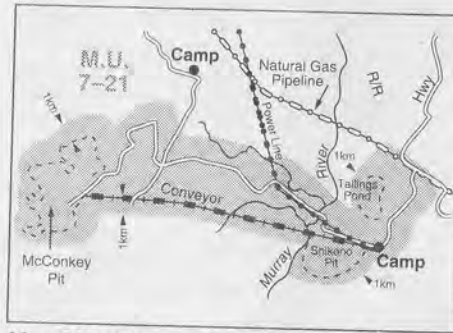
Map G25 Kinuseo Falls No Shooting No Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



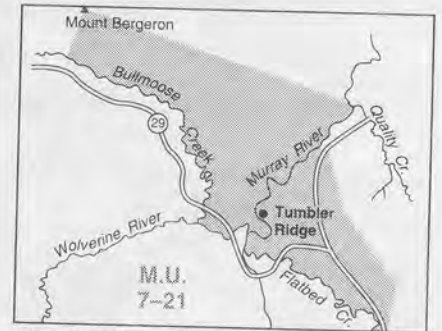
Map G26 Bullmoose Mine No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



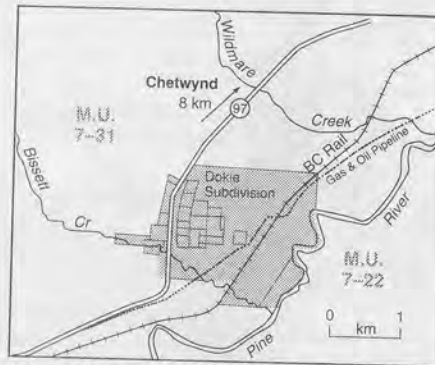
Map G29 Southeast MU 7-21 Vehicle Elevation Closure (situate in MU 7-21)



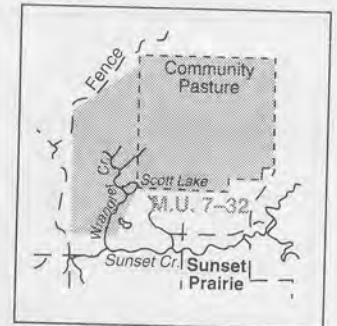
Map G27 Quintette Coal No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



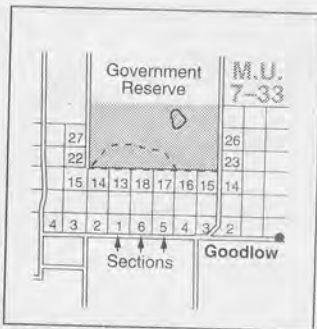
Map G28 Mt. Bergeron-Tumbler Ridge No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



Map G30 Dokie Subdivision No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-22 and 7-31).



Map G31 Sunset Prairie Restricted Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-32). From June 1 to Oct 31 hunting is prohibited.



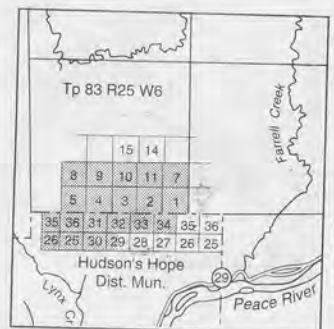
Map G32 Goodlow Restricted Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-33). From June 1 to Oct 15 hunting is prohibited.



Map G33 Peace River Duck, Coot, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose and Common Snipe Closed Area (situate in MU 7-33).

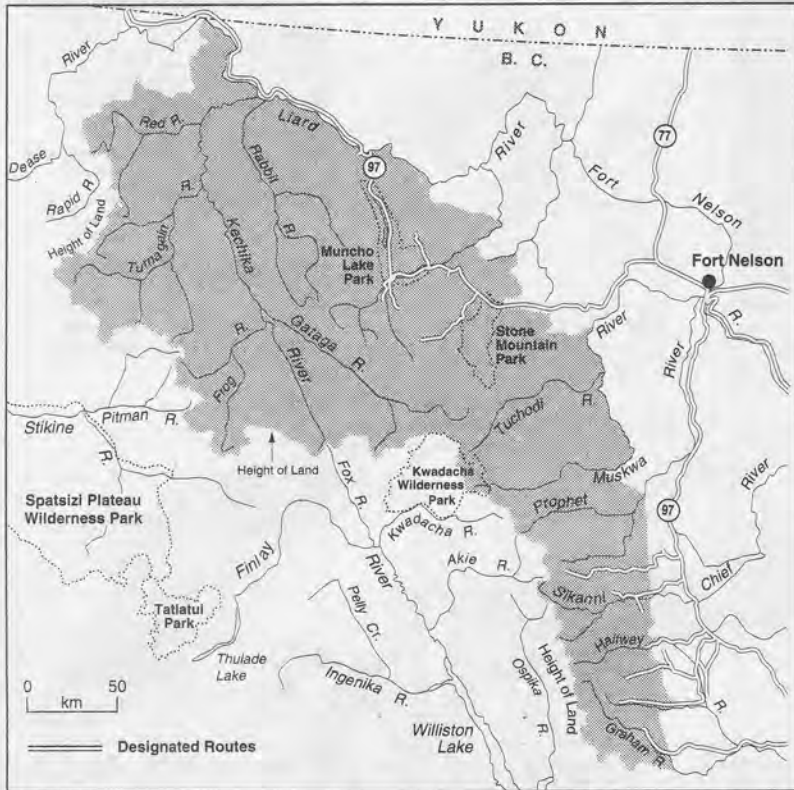


Map G34 Charlie Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-33).

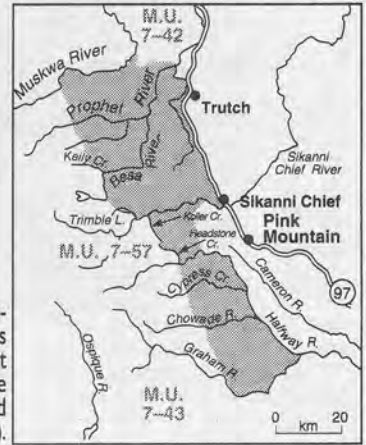


Map G35 Farrell Creek Restricted Firearms Area (situate in MU 7-35). Shotguns with Shot Only from June 1 to Oct 15.

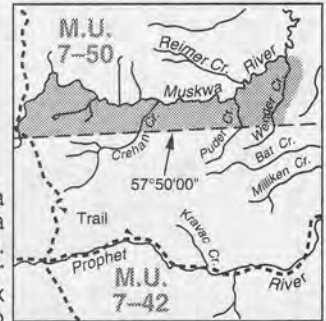
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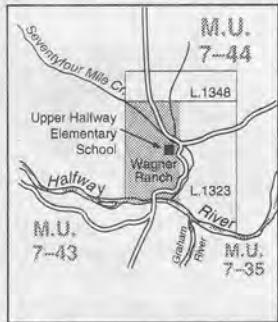
Map G36 Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area (situate in MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57). See vehicle restrictions on page 64.



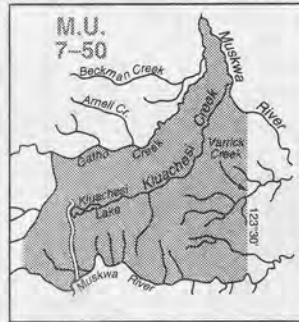
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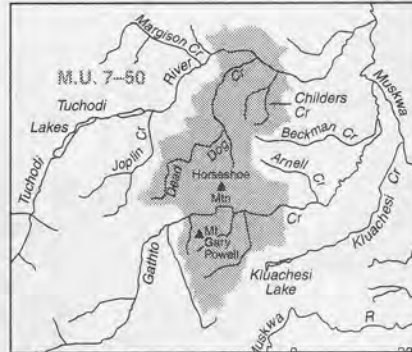
Map G38 Muskwa Flats Special Elk Area (situate in MU 7-42). The open season for hunting three-point elk is from Aug 15 to Sept 9 and six-point elk from Sept 10 to Oct 31; Bag limit = 1



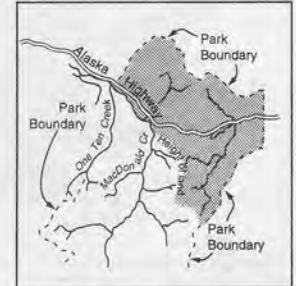
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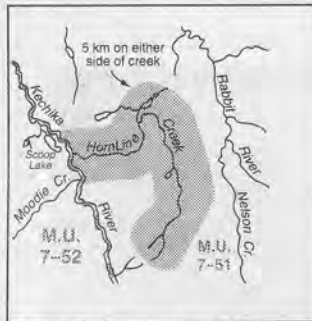
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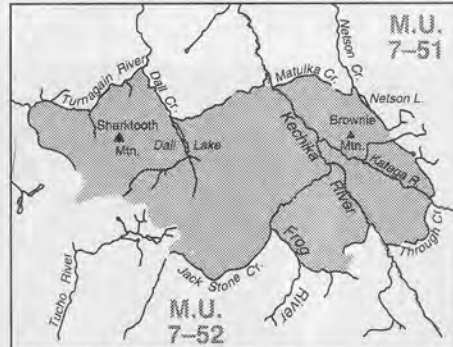
Map G41 Childers Cow Elk No Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-50).



Map G42 Stone Mountain Provincial Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-50, 7-51, 7-54).



Map G43 Hornline Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



Map G44 Frog River Special Mountain Goat Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-51, 7-52). The open season for mountain goat is Aug 25 to Oct 5.



Map G45 Muncho Park Sheep and Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MUs 7-51, 7-54).

REGION 8 Okanagan

MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 3rd edition.

Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

The early four point seasons for mule (black-tailed) deer is closed.

Boundaries between the following MUs have been amended: MUs 8-5 & 2-1 and MUs 8-5 & 3-13. Contact the BC Environment Fish & Wildlife office for more information.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

★ ★ Penticton: Ste. 201, 3547 Skaha Lake Rd., V2A 7K2, 490-8200

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

★ Grand Forks: Box 638, 7272-2nd St., V0H 1H0, 442-4310

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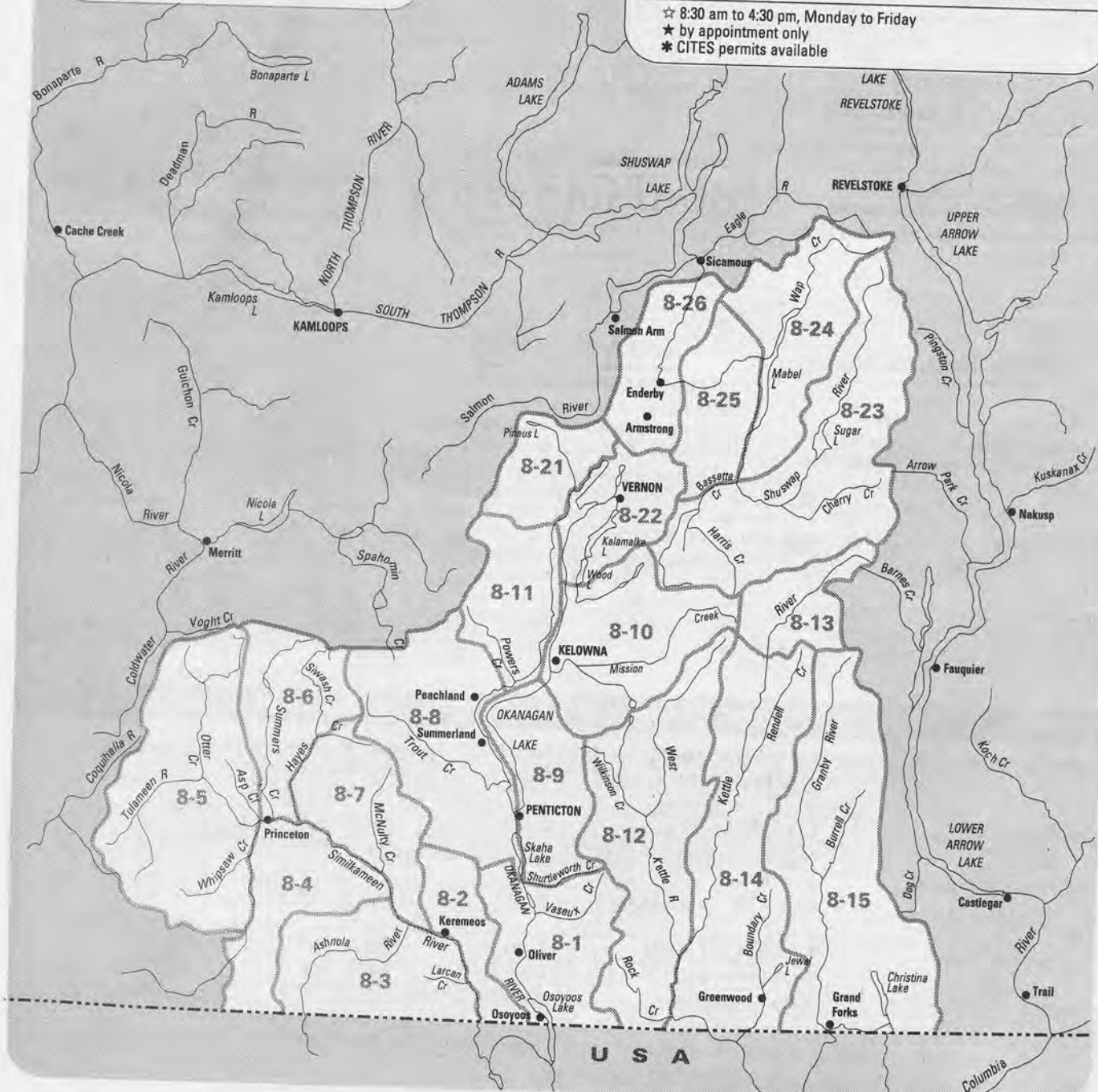
★ Princeton: Box 1000, 195 Bridge St., V0X 1W0, 295-6343

★ ★ Vernon: 3201-30th St., V1T 9G3, 549-5558

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Bag Limits

Deer: The bag limit for deer is two, only one of which may be a mule (black-tailed) deer. Both deer may be antlerless, but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken. Antlerless deer may only be taken in Bow and Arrow Only or LEH seasons.

Mountain Sheep: A person who kills a male mountain sheep in the Okanagan Sub-Region since January 1, 1992, may not hunt or kill another male mountain sheep during the 1996/97 season.

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), and ruffed) is five (5).

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all elk taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Inspected within 10 days of the date of kill and all moose taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 8 for requirements.

Vehicle Restrictions

The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited from June 1 to October 31 in the Galloping Hills Area except for the primary roads leading to Lightning Peak and Mt. Scaia. See Map H14.

The operation of all motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in that portion of MU 8-5 on the Lawless-Jacobson Lake Forest Service Road (Project 5104-05) south of the point where it crosses Vuich Creek.

The operation of motor vehicles is restricted to established roadways in the Osoyoos Oxbows motor vehicle restricted area. See Map H1.

The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited within the Underdown Creek area of MU 8-1. See Map H2.

The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in that portion of MU 8-9 east of Skaha Lake described as Lot A and Lot B of Sublot 48, District Lot 2710, Plan 27801, SDYD, and Sublot 48, District Lot 2710, Plan 1189, SDYD.

The operation of all motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Garnet Fire motor vehicle restricted area in MU 8-09. See Map H9.

Snowmobile Restrictions

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Okanagan Sub-region from April 1 to November 30.

Notice to Hunters

White-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cottontail and badger and other species are protected under the authority of the *Wildlife Act* (hunting is prohibited).

No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 80-81. Note also that the closures for Highway 3 between Manning Park and Princeton and for the Coquihalla Phase III (Okanagan Connector) Highway 97C are No Shooting and No Hunting Closures.

Parks and Recreation Areas

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 1 to April 15 during the lawful game hunting season:

- Cascade Recreation Area (MU 8-5)
- Darke Lake Park (MU 8-8)
- Eneas Lake Park (MU 8-8)
- Gladstone Provincial Park (MU 8-15)
- Granby Provincial Park (MU 8-15)
- Keremeos Columns Park (MU 8-2)
- Nickel Plate Park (MU 8-7)
- Okanagan Mountain Park (MU 8-9)
- Cathedral Park (MU 8-3) is open to the discharge of firearms from August 25 to April 15. The core area of Cathedral Park is closed to the discharge of firearms. Contact Park Branch staff for details.
- Silver Star Park (MUs 8-22, 8-25, 8-26). No Hunting Area. See Map H17.

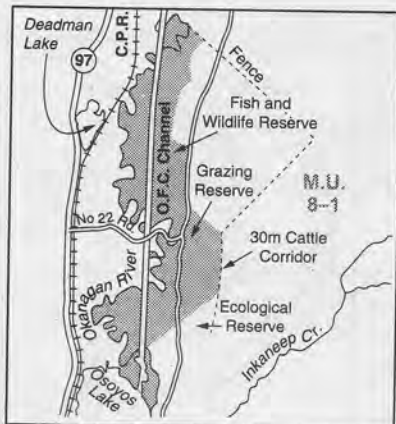
Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	8-12 to 8-15, 8-23 to 8-25	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22, 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
Archery Only Seasons	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22, 8-24 to 8-26	Bucks	Nov 16 - Dec 10	1
WHITE-TAILED DEER	8-3 to 8-7	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	2
	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 25	2
Archery Only Seasons	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 26 - Dec 10	2(1)
MOOSE	8-4 to 8-8, 8-11	*Immature Bulls	Oct 15 - Oct 31	1

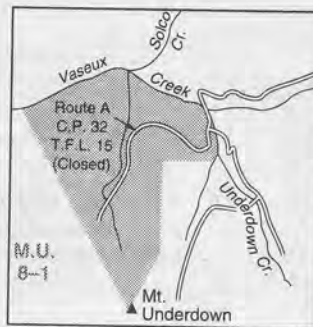
*See definition on Page 79. Antlers must accompany the species licence.

Successful hunters who kill a bull moose in the Okanagan Sub-Region are required to submit, within 30 days of the kill, one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root). See Compulsory Reporting information on page 8.

Species	Management Units	Class	Season Dates	Bag Limit
ELK	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12, 8-14	☆3 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	8-4 to 8-7	☆3 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	★8-15	Any Elk		
☆ See definition on page 78. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ★ See Map H13 for 8-15 special area season. All elk taken in the Okanagan sub-region must be Compulsory Inspected. See page 8 for Compulsory Inspection information.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	8-1, 8-9	3/4 Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Sept 18	1
See regional bag limit for mountain sheep on page 74.				
BLACK BEAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1/97 - June 15/97	2
See page 9 for restrictions on bears. The bag limit for black bears is two per licence year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31)				
COYOTE, SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	NBL
LYNX AND BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 1 - Feb 28/97	1 (of each)
COUGAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 1 - Feb 28/97	1
Hunters are requested not to shoot a lactating cougar, or cougar kittens.				
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Apr 30/97	10 (daily)
GROUSE BLUE, RUFFED, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 15	5(15)
See page 74 for the regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse.				
QUAIL	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22		Oct 1 - Nov 30	10(30)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-9		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5(15)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
GRAY PARTRIDGE (HUNGARIAN)	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-10, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3(9)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
PHEASANT	8-1 to 8-3, 8-8 to 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 15	2(6)
	8-21, 8-22	Hens	Nov 6 - Nov 15	1(3)
				Daily Limit 2 (only 1 hen)
				Possession Limit 6 (only 3 hens)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
MOURNING DOVE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Dec 25	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 1 Pintail, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 8.				
WHITE FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Dec 25	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.				
CANADA GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 20 - Dec 25 & Feb 20/97 - Feb 28/97	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 8.				



Map H1 Osoyoos Oxbows Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-1). The operation of motor vehicles is restricted to established roadways. Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited from Mar 1 to Sept 30 throughout the restricted area including the roadways.

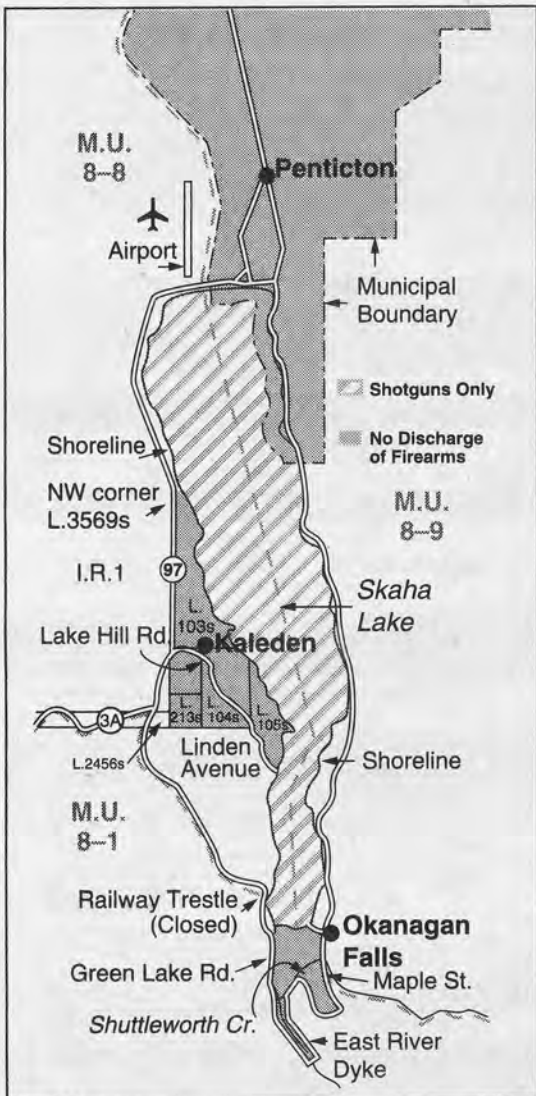


Map H2 Underdown Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-1). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles.

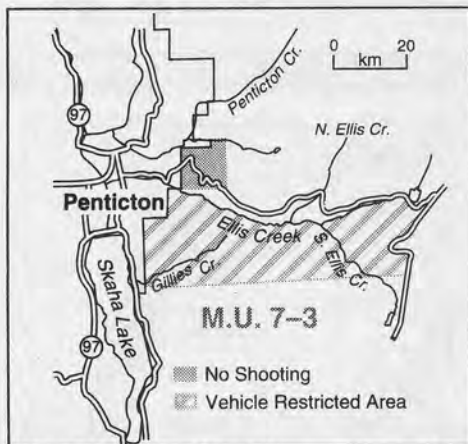


Map H3 Vaseux Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary (situate in MU 8-1).

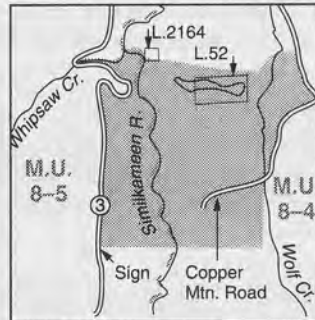
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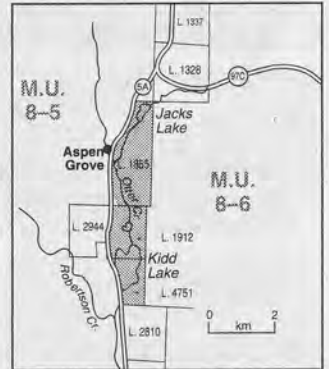
Map H4 Kaleden, Pentiction and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MUs 8-1, 8-8, 8-9).



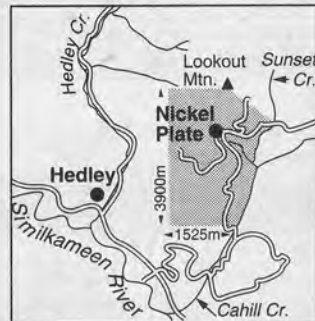
Map H9 Garnet Fire Vehicle Restricted Area and Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-9).



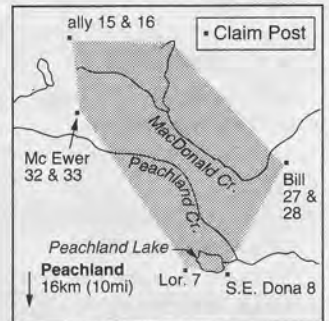
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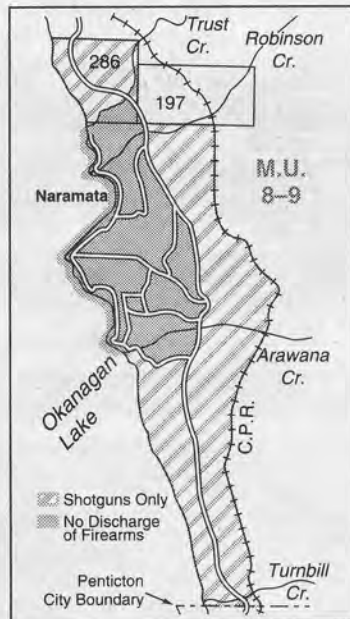
Map H6 Willow Heights No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-6).



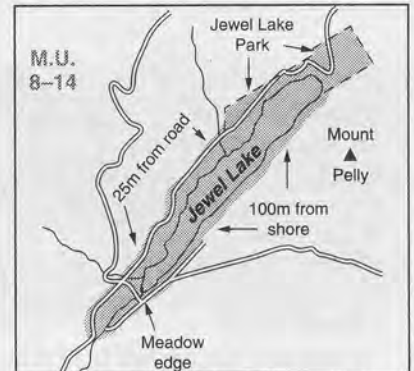
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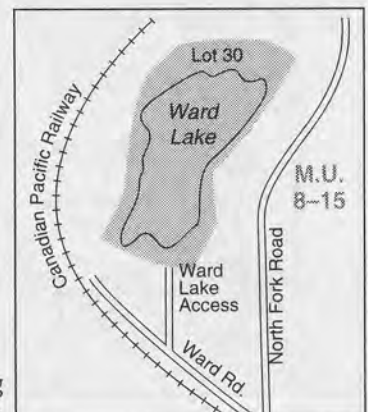
Map H8 Brenda Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-8).



Map H10 Naramata No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 8-9).



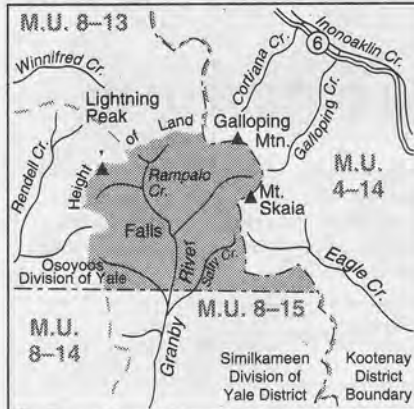
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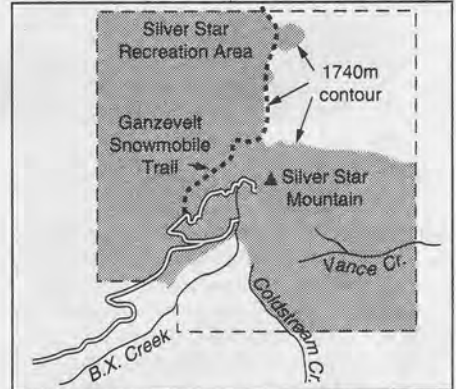
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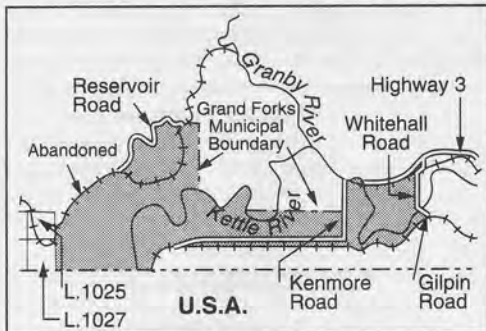
Map H13 Overton-Moody Elk Special Area (situate in MU 8-15). Open season for either sex, any age elk: Nov 7 to Nov 15 1(I). Hunter success is expected to be low in this area.



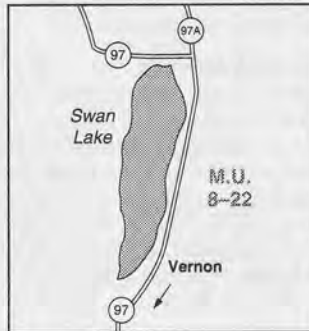
Map H14 Galloping Hills Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-15).



Map H17 Silver Star Park No Hunting Area (situate in MUs 8-22, 8-25, 8-26). Contact BC Environment offices in Vernon and Penticton for details.



Map H15 Grand Forks Shotgun Only Area (situate in MUB-15).



Map H16 Swan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 8-22).

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General Information

Definitions

All Terrain Vehicle - means a wheeled vehicle or tracked vehicle propelled by motorized power, and capable of travel off a highway, including motor cycles but not including other vehicles licensed for highway travel under the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Antlered Animal - means a member of the deer family over one year of age bearing visible bony antlers.

Antlerless Animal - means a member of the deer family or young animals of the deer family bearing no visible antlers. The small skin- or hair- covered protuberances of fawns and calves do not constitute antlers.

Arrow - means a slender shaft, which may be pointed at one end and may be feathered at the opposite end, for shooting from a bow.

Bait - means anything, including meat, cereals, cultivated crops, restrained animal or any manufactured product or material, that may attract wildlife and includes plastic or other imitation foods but does not include a decoy as described under these regulations.

B.C. Resident - means a person who maintains a permanent home in the Province, and who has been in actual residence therein for six (6) months in the previous twelve (12) months prior to any application under the *Wildlife Act*.

Big Game - means any mountain sheep, mountain goat, bison, caribou, elk, moose, deer, grizzly bear, black bear, cougar, wolf or other animal designated by regulation.

Bolt - means a shaft or missile designed to be shot from a crossbow or catapult.

Bow - means a longbow or crossbow.

Brow Tine - means the first tine projecting forward or upward in the lower 1/3 of the antler of a moose, caribou, elk or deer.

Buck or Bull - with reference to deer, moose, or elk means one bearing visible bony antlers. Buck or Bull - with reference to caribou means a male 1 year of age or over, bearing visible bony antlers.

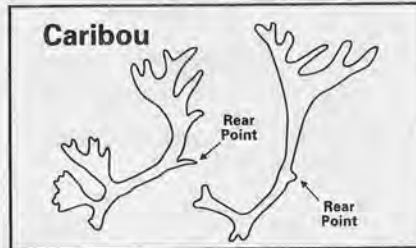
Calf - means a moose, elk or caribou less than twelve (12) months of age.

Cancelled Species Licence - means a Species Licence that has been cancelled as indicated on the licence. The Species Licence must be cancelled immediately upon killing the animal.

Caribou - 5 Point Bull: has one antler which bears at least 5 tines (points), including the tip of the main beam above the rear point.

Caribou - Mature Bull: has a main beam which is at least 75 cm (30) inches in

length or one antler which bears 5 tines (points) including the tip of the main beam above the rear point. *If the rear point is missing, the first rear facing point will be used as rear point.



Compound Crossbow - means a crossbow on which the bow string runs through pulleys.

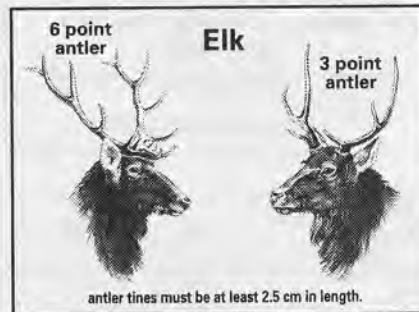
Crossbow - means a bow fixed across a stock with a groove for the arrow or bolt and a mechanism for holding and releasing the string. (NOTE: The use of crossbows is permitted during special Bow and Arrow seasons unless otherwise indicated under the regional schedules.)

Decoy - means any material or manufactured product that simulates the appearance or has the form of wildlife.

Deer Family - means moose, caribou, deer and elk.

Elk - Six Points or Greater Bull - means any bull having at least six tines on one antler.

Elk - Three Points or Greater Bull - means any bull having at least three tines on one antler.

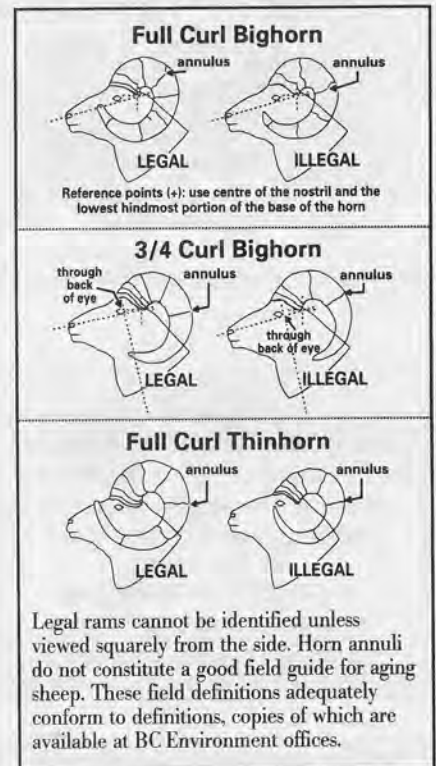


Firearm - includes a device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring and includes a rifle, shotgun, handgun, pelletgun, "BB" gun or spring gun but does not include a bow.

Full Curl Bighorn Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending upwards beyond a straight line drawn through the centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base. If the skull and horns are

presented for examination, when viewed squarely from the side with both horns in alignment, at least one horn tip extends upward beyond a straight line drawn through the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base and the lowermost edge of the eye socket.

3/4 Curl Bighorn Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending beyond a straight line drawn through the back of the eye opening and at right angles to a line drawn between the centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base. If the skull and horns are presented for examination, when viewed squarely from the side with both horns in alignment, at least one horn tip extends beyond a straight line through the back edge of the eye socket and at right angles to a line drawn through the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base and the lowermost edge of the eye socket.



Full Curl Thinhorn Ram - means any male thinhorn mountain sheep which has attained the age of eight (8) years as evidenced by yearly horn growth annuli as determined by the Regional Manager or his designate, or whose horn tip extends upwards beyond the forehead-nose bridge when viewed squarely from the side.

Fur-Bearing Animal - means a fox, badger, beaver, black bear, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, land otter, raccoon, skunk, red and Douglas' squirrel, sea otter, weasel, wolverine, wolf or coyote.

Game Bird - means any grouse, partridge, quail, pheasant, ptarmigan, migratory game bird, or bird designated by regulation.

Game - includes all big game, small game, game birds and fur-bearing animals.

Hunt And Hunting - includes shooting at, attracting, searching for, chasing, pursuing, following after or on the trail of, stalking, or lying in wait for wildlife or attempting to do any of those things, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently wounded, killed or captured:

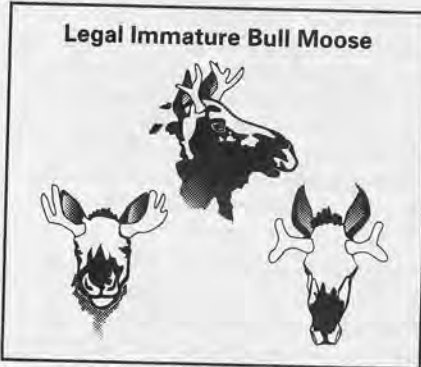
- (a) with intention to capture the wildlife, or
- (b) while in possession of a firearm or other weapon.

Licence Year - means the period from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

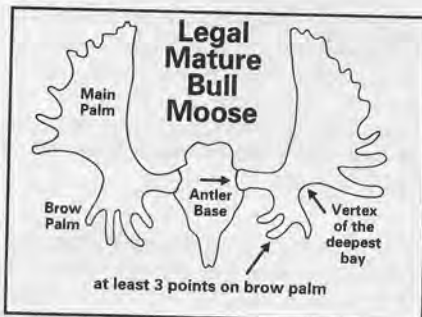
Loaded Firearm - means any firearm containing live ammunition in either the breech or the magazine. A clip containing live ammunition, when attached to the firearm, is considered as the magazine.

Migratory Game Birds - for which there is an open season in B.C. and for which a Canadian Migratory Bird hunting permit is required are: waterfowl (ducks and geese, including brant); coot; common snipe; band-tailed pigeon and mourning dove.

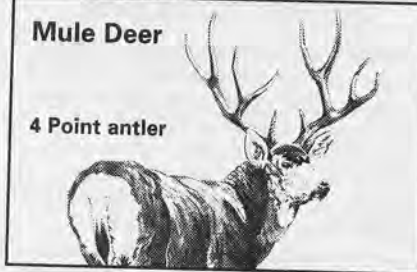
Moose - Legal Immature Bull - means a bull moose having no more than two tines on one antler.



Moose - Legal Mature Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a brow palm bearing three or more points (tines). The brow palm is separated from the main palm by the deepest antler bay. The deepest bay is the bay whose vertex (deepest location) is the shortest distance from the antler base, when measured along the surface of the antler.



Mule (Black-tailed) Deer - Four Points or Greater Buck - means any buck having at least four tines, excluding the brow tine, on one antler.



No Hunting Area - means a designated area in which hunting (see Definition) is prohibited.

No Shooting Area - means a designated area in which the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

NOTE: No Shooting Areas as prescribed under the *Wildlife Act* are open to the use of bows and arrows and crossbows unless specifically restricted under hunting regulations.

Power Boat - means a boat, canoe or yacht powered by electric, gasoline, oil, steam or other mechanical means, but does not include a boat powered manually nor a boat with an outboard motor provided the motor is tilted or otherwise disengaged so as not to be ready for immediate use.

Raptor - means a bird of the order Falconiformes known as vultures, eagles, falcons and hawks or of the order Strigiformes known as owls and includes the eggs of these birds.

Road Allowance - see definition, page 30.

Small Game - includes fox, raccoon, lynx, bobcat, coyote, skunk, wolverine, snowshoe hare and game birds.

Spike Buck - means a male deer having antlers that are composed of a main beam from which there are no bony projections greater than 1 inch in length.

Tine or "point" - means a branch of an antler which is longer than the breadth of its base and is at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) in length. To measure the length of a tine measure the tine from the centre of its base to the tip. The base of the tine is the nearest edge of the part of the antler commonly known as the main beam.

Wildlife - means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game and other species of vertebrates prescribed as wildlife by regulation.

Designated Wildlife

- All native species of animals in the province excluding invertebrates and fish have been designated as wildlife, giving them full protection under provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, SBC 1982, Chapter 57. These species may not be hunted, killed, captured, kept as pets or used for commercial purposes unless specifically allowed by regulation or by authority of a permit from B.C. Environment. The accompanying two schedules list the wildlife that may be considered as nuisances or pests.

- Schedule "B" lists animals that may be captured or killed only for the specific purpose of protecting property unless an open season is designated by regulation (see Regional Schedules of open seasons).

- Schedule "C" contains animals that may be captured or killed anywhere and at any time in the province. These mostly introduced species are detrimental to property and native wildlife.

Schedule B

- (a) *Taricha granulosa* - rough-skinned newt
- (b) *Scapanus townsendii* - Townsend's mole
- (c) *Scapanus orarius* - coast mole
- (d) *Lepus americanus* - snowshoe hare
- (e) all of the species of the family Arvicolidae - voles and lemmings, except *Ondonatra zibethicus* - muskrat.
- (f) *Neotoma cinerea* - bushy-tailed woodrat
- (g) all species of the genus *Peromyscus* - deer mice
- (h) *Erethizon dorsatum* - porcupine
- (i) *Thomomys talpoides* - northern pocket gopher
- (j) *Marmota flaviventris* - yellow-bellied marmot
- (k) *Marmota monax* - woodchuck
- (l) *Spermophilus columbianus* - Columbian ground squirrel
- (m) *Mephitis mephitis* - striped skunk
- (n) *Procyon lotor* - raccoon
- (o) *Spilogale putorius* - spotted skunk

Schedule C

- (a) *Rana catesbeiana* - American bullfrog
- (b) all species of the family Chelydridae - snapping turtles

- (c) *Didelphis virginiana* - North American opossum
 - (d) *Sylvilagus floridanus* - eastern cottontail
 - (e) *Oryctolagus cuniculus* - European rabbit
 - (f) *Myocastor coypus* - nutria
 - (g) all species of the genus *Sciurus* - grey squirrels & fox squirrels
 - (h) all species of the genus *Corvus* - crows, except *Corvus corax* - common raven
 - (i) *Pica pica* - black-billed magpie
 - (j) *Passer domesticus* - house sparrow
 - (k) *Sturnus vulgaris* - European starling
 - (l) *Columbia livia* - rock dove
 - (m) *Molothrus ater* - brownheaded cowbird
- and the nests or eggs of these bird species may be destroyed.

Special Request on Mountain Goats

Hunters are encouraged to select male mountain goat when hunting. Males tend to be larger than females. Females usually exhibit a noticeable curvature at the tip of the horns. In addition males tend not to be found in nanny/kid groups.

Collared or Ear-tagged Big Game

Please avoid shooting any collared or ear-tagged big game. Collared animals carry radio transmitters for research purposes. If you inadvertently kill a collared or ear-tagged animal, contact the local Ministry of Environment regional office immediately because the meat may or may not be fit for human consumption. The collar must be returned.

Royalty Fees

Every holder of a valid hunting licence who lawfully kills a furbearing animal is exempt from paying the prescribed royalty fee unless he offers the pelt for sale. See current Trapping Regulations on page 87 for royalty fees. Payment of a royalty fee is required only upon the initial sale of the pelt. Furbearers may only be hunted where an open hunting season is declared.

Notice to Non-Resident Hunters

Big Game Guided Hunts

Non-residents of British Columbia hunting big game must be accompanied by a licenced B.C. guide. When purchasing big game species licences, non-residents must provide the licencing office with the name of the guide outfitter, the guide's licence number, the management unit(s) in which the hunt will take place and the dates of the hunt. On completion of the hunt non-residents must obtain a completed form of declaration from their guide. Failure to do so constitutes an offence on the part of the hunter and the guide.

Big Game Accompanied Hunts

A non-resident of B.C. who is a resident of Canada or a Canadian citizen may be accompanied by a resident of B.C. who holds a Permit to Accompany (\$25). Only one Permit to Accompany will be issued to a person in a calendar year.

The B.C. resident applying for this permit must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada who has held a hunting licence and a big game species licence for 3 of the 5 years preceding application. This person must obtain the required permit from the Regional Office of B.C. Environment of the region in which the hunt is intended. Application for the permit must be made on the proper form (available from BC Environment Offices) at least one month prior to hunting. Only one Permit to Accompany will be issued to a person in a calendar year.

The non-residents must show the Permit to Accompany or a copy indicating the name of the permittee and the permit number when purchasing their big game species licences.

A non-resident who is not a resident of Canada and is not a Canadian citizen, may also be eligible under the permit to accompany procedure providing that he qualifies under one of the required relationship categories (ie. if accompanied by a father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandson, grandfather, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, niece, granddaughter, grandmother, spouse, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law).

Permits to Accompany may not be available for all species and areas. Check with the appropriate regional office.

Handguns

There are special handgun restrictions in Canada. Please contact the R.C.M.P. for details before bringing a handgun into Canada.

Small Game

It is not necessary for a non-resident of British Columbia to be accompanied by a licenced guide when hunting for small game (including game birds).

Highway No Shooting and No Hunting Areas

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or hunt within the road allowances of all numbered highways and any two lane or greater public road that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The road allowance extends

- (a) 15 metres on either side of the middle of a road with less than three lanes, or
- (b) 15 metres from the edge of the paved surface of a highway with three lanes or more, or
- (c) to the boundary of private or cultivated land, whichever comes first.

In addition to the above universal restriction, several major or heavily populated routes in the province have an additional 400m area bordering the road allowance in which the discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited. The discharge of a shotgun using shot only is permitted. These areas are listed on page 81 under the heading 400m Single Projectile Prohibited Areas.

It is unlawful to hunt or discharge a firearm within 100 metres of a church, school building, school yard, playground, dwelling house, or farm or ranch building that is occupied by persons or domestic animals. Owners and occupiers or their employees or agents are exempted near dwelling houses or farm or ranch buildings in order to protect crops and livestock.

The major purpose of these restrictions attacks the problems associated with increasing public pressure for more and more closures near rural roads, where the urban public is expanding residential properties, often at considerable distances from main urban centres. The above restrictions, although perhaps initially are more than required for some parts of the province, will be universal and, more importantly, universally understood.

It is unlikely that these changes will reduce any hunter's chances for a successful or fulfilling hunting experience. These changes will address the safety concerns that have been expressed by many residents living in previously unrestricted rural areas. We hope that common sense will prevail, and if in doubt, don't shoot!

NOTE: Other closures that may be more restrictive on some highways or roads are listed below or under the Regional Schedules.

400m Single Projectile Prohibited Areas

- The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited within 400m (0.25 mile) on either side of the road allowance of following portions of the highways and roads in British Columbia listed below:
- Hwy 5 (Coquihalla Highway) between Hope and the junction of Highways 1 and 5 at Kamloops;
- Hwy 6 between Bench Creek and Banting Creek;
- Hwy 16 between the boundary of the City of Prince Rupert and the British Columbia - Alberta interprovincial boundary;
- Hwy 20 between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park;
- Hwy 27 from the junction with Route 16 (Yellowhead) west of Vanderhoof to Fort St. James;
- Hwy 29 between the intersection of Highway 29 with Highway 97 in the vicinity of the Village of Chetwynd and the intersection of Highway 29 with Highway 97 in the vicinity of Charlie Lake, Peace River Land District;
- Hwy 35 between Francois Lake and Burns Lake;
- Hwy 37 between the intersection of Highway 37 with Highway 16 and the boundary of the District of Kitimat;
- Hwy 37 between the Skeena River Bridge at Kitwanga Post Office, Cassiar Land District, and the intersection of said highway with Highway 37A at Meziadin Junction;
- Hwy 37A between the intersection of said highway and Highway 37 at Meziadin Junction and the boundary of the District of Stewart at Bitter Creek;
- Hwy 39 from the junction with Highway 97 north of McLeod Lake to its intercept with the municipal boundaries of the City of Mackenzie;
- Hwy 97 including those portions of the Caribou Highway from Cottonwood River to Prince George, the John Hart Highway from Prince George to Dawson Creek, and the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek to Lower Post;
- Road 520 between Hudson's Hope and the W.A.C. Bennett Dam;
- Road 190 between Road 520 and Dunlevy Creek;

400m Hunting and the Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Areas

- Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400m (.25 mile) of the road allowance of the following highways: In all Provincial Parks
- Hwy 3 (Crownsnest Highway) between Hope and Manning Park, Manning Park and Princeton.
- Coquihalla Hwy. (Okanagan Connector, Phase III) between its junction with Highway 97 near Peachland and its junction with Highway 5 near Aspen Grove.

Hwy 99 Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Area

- The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400m west of the road allowance and 1 km east of the road allowance of Highway 99 between the northern boundary of the District Municipality of West Vancouver and the southern boundary of the District Municipality of Squamish.

Hwy 118 Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Area

- The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400 m on either side of the road allowance of Highway 118 (Topley Landing Road) between the intersection of Highway 118 and Highway 16 at Topley Landing and Granisle in the Skeena region.

Access Restrictions to Wildlife

Several laws govern public access to wildlife and several types of closures specifically limit access by licenced hunters or others. In brief the following laws apply:

1. *Trespass Act* - The provincial *Trespass Act* sets out strict limits on any public access to enclosed private land. Private property is considered enclosed if any one of the following conditions are met:
 - there are clearly visible signs prohibiting trespassing posted at each ordinary access point; or
 - the property is surrounded by a lawful fence; or
 - the property is surrounded by a natural boundary such as a river bank or a 4 1/2 foot hedge.
2. *Wildlife Act*(Section 40) - A person is not permitted to hunt on cultivated land or on Crown land which is subject to a grazing lease while the land is occupied by livestock, without the consent of the owners, lessee or occupant of the land.
 - In the Fraser Valley, and to a lesser extent elsewhere in agricultural areas, local sporting groups (clubs) have made private

arrangements with landowners to exclude other hunters. Such areas are frequently posted to no trespassing by these sporting groups.

In addition to the above there is authority under provisions of the *Wildlife Act* to limit access by hunters or other persons.

- A) Road Closure(Section 111(b.1), B.C. *Wildlife Act*) - B.C. Environment may choose to restrict the use of any vehicle on a given road surface for the protection and/or management of wildlife resources.
- B) Vehicular Hunting Closure(Section 110), B.C. *Wildlife Act*) - B.C. Environment may prohibit the use of a motorized vehicle for the purpose of hunting in a defined area for the management and/or protection of wildlife resources.
- C) Area Closure(Section 111(b), B.C. *Wildlife Act*) - B.C. Environment may close or restrict the use of any vehicle over a defined area for the protection and/or management of wildlife resources.

Possession and Transportation

Game Birds

- Anyone who possesses or transports a game bird must leave attached to the carcass one feathered wing.

Big Game

- Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of elk, moose, mule (black-tailed) deer, white-tailed deer or fallow deer must leave attached to one portion of the carcass:
 - To identify the sex, either a testicle, part of the penis, or the antlers, or
 - a portion of the udder or teats,
- Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of caribou or grizzly bear must leave attached to one portion of the carcass:
 - To identify the sex, either
 - a testicle or part of the penis, or
 - a portion of the udder or teats, or
 - for a caribou, the antlers.
- Anyone who possesses or transports only the hide of elk, moose, black-tailed deer, white-tailed deer, fallow deer, caribou, or grizzly bear must leave attached to the hide:
 - a testicle or part of the penis, or
 - a portion of the udder or teats.

Evidence of Sex

Evidence of species and sex may be removed from the carcass or the hide of game:

- after it arrives at a person's normal dwelling place and is butchered and stored there for consumption on the premises.

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- after it is taken to a cold storage locker or meatcutting plant, or
- after it has been inspected by an official of B.C. Environment.
- NOTE: Leaving evidence of species and sex on the carcass will not spoil or in any way contaminate the meat.

Transporting Wildlife

• All persons who possess, transport or ship wildlife or parts of wildlife within the Province of British Columbia must have with them:

- the species licence under which the animal was taken by that person.
- Or, if the animal was taken by another person:
- a record of receipt of the wildlife showing:
- the date and place of receipt.
- the name and address of the person who killed the animal, or from whom it was acquired.
- the B.C. Resident Hunter Number or permit number of the person who killed the animal.
- the species licence number under which the animal was taken, and
- the species and sex of the animal taken.
- Anyone having wildlife butchered and packaged is required to obtain from the butcher a receipt which indicates:
- the Hunter Number,
- the species licence number,
- the species, and
- the sex of the animal taken.

Game Check

• All hunters, with or without game, when encountering temporary checking stations operated by B.C. Environment, are required by law to stop and report. Their compliance with wildlife and firearms laws will be determined.

Export From the Province

- An export permit is required if the animal is exported more than 30 days from the date of kill. If exported less than 30 days from the date of the kill, either the species licence or (where compulsory inspection is required) the Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet may serve as an export permit. In the case of an animal requiring a C.I.T.E.S. (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora) permit, this permit may also be required for grizzly bear, black bear, wolf, cougar, lynx or bobcat.
- Hunters planning to hunt in M.U.'s 7-19 or 7-20 and accessing by way of the Alberta border should contact the local Conservation Officer Service in Fort St. John, Chetwynd or Dawson Creek to obtain export permits prior to starting their hunt.

• When a big game animal has been processed by a taxidermist, a tanner or meatcutter, it may be exported to the hunter who lives in another province or in another country. British Columbia is part of a North American system of recording wild sheep identification and hence all sheep horns that are taken to a taxidermist in the province, must be inspected by an officer of B.C. Environment and a numbered plug inserted in one of the horns before the animal can be exported, or re-exported if the animal originated outside the province.

• Where a hunter or taxidermist, tanner or meatcutter has any doubt or questions about how to proceed under any circumstances which are not covered in the foregoing, he or she should contact B.C. Environment as soon as possible.

• Hunters possessing a mountain goat, mountain sheep, caribou or grizzly bear harvested in B.C., who must drive through the Yukon and back into B.C. in order to submit the animal for compulsory inspection, are exempt from obtaining an export permit.

Convention on International Trade

• The "Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species" (C.I.T.E.S.) requires that a special Convention Export Permit be obtained for the export from Canada of all grizzly bear, black bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf or parts of these animals. Such permits leaving Canada directly from British Columbia may be obtained by making an appointment during normal working hours at BC Environment offices. The offices that issue these permits are listed on the regional map pages at the beginning of each regional section.

Note: Persons leaving Canada may NOT be able to obtain a C.I.T.E.S. permit in Alberta and should obtain a permit in British Columbia before leaving.

B.C.'s Bear Parts Trade Ban

• To protect grizzly and black bears, the B.C. government has imposed a ban on the commercial trade in certain bear parts effective February 1, 1993. The regulation forbids the possession, trafficking, importing and exporting of bear galls and genitalia. It also bans trade in bear paws separated from the carcass or hide, although possession is still permitted to allow for personal use and for ceremonial use by aboriginal people.

• B.C.'s ban on the trade in bear parts represents an important step toward reducing the illegal killing of these animals. Many jurisdictions in western North America have similar bans in place.

• Contact a BC Environment regional or district office for more information.

Data Collection

The single largest source of hunter activity and game harvest information is the annual Hunter Sample Questionnaire. Every January, a large portion of the B.C. residents who have purchased a hunting licence in the previous year are sent a questionnaire referring to the species for which a particular licence was purchased. Hunters who have purchased several species licences may receive questionnaires for more than one species and are asked to respond. Replies from those who did not hunt that season, or who were unsuccessful, are just as valuable to wildlife managers as the information from hunters who did. In addition to the standard questionnaire procedure, the Wildlife Branch will contact some hunters by telephone this season.

• Periodic game checks, compulsory inspection, compulsory reporting and the voluntary tooth return program for deer, moose, elk and black bear all provide valuable information for wildlife managers across the province. From this information, managers can determine who is hunting, where they are hunting, and other important information about the animal taken. This accurate information enables managers to set very specific hunting regulations on a year to year basis, reducing heavy harvests in some areas and extending the season in others, to balance the needs of the animal population against the needs of the public.

• Without adequate information, managers must set very conservative harvest levels to ensure that an overharvest does not occur. The manager's choices are then limited to restricting harvest by closing areas, reducing season lengths, or applying Limited Entry Hunting. In this situation, open hunting is unacceptable as it risks overharvesting and possible long term damage to the resource.

• Good information makes for good game management and good hunting!

Notice

Hunters are reminded that the antlers or horns of male big game animals must accompany the carcass to a residence or a meatcutting plant, where a season is based on antler or horn size.

The same applies to the head of calf or juvenile animals where a specific season exists.

How Long Should I Keep My Hunting Licence?

• It is probably a good idea for hunters to keep all documents under which an animal was taken until the animal has been consumed. In the case of a mounted trophy or a tanned hide, the licence and Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet should be kept in a safe place indefinitely. If a person wishes to transfer the trophy to someone else or requires an export permit to move it out of the province, production of the original documentation makes the transfer or the issuance of a permit much easier. It will greatly assist B.C. Environment staff if, when a hunter disposes of a trophy, the licences and other documentation are transferred with the trophy, to the new owner.

Take Care of Your Game Meat

• For many people the opportunity to dine on flavourful wild meat is one of the prime benefits of hunting. Others, out of sorry past experience, consider game meat quite unpalatable. Which will it be gourmet or "gamey"? The difference depends much less on the skill of the qualified butcher who may cut the steaks and roasts for your table than it does on the care you take as a hunter in your initial treatment of the carcass. The basic rules:

- Place your shot carefully for a quick, clean kill with little damaged meat.
- Clean the animal as soon as possible.
- Keep the meat free of hair, dirt and other contaminants.
- Cool the carcass out, and keep it cool. Don't expose it to heat from a car motor, fumes or road dust.
- For free instructions on field dressing deer, write the Wildlife Branch, BC Environment, 3 - 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4 requesting the "Care of Game Meat" brochure.

Taxidermy, Tanning and Meatcutting

- Many hunters wish to have their trophies mounted for display in their homes, or to have the hides tanned for leather and other articles, while an even larger number use the services of a professional meatcutter. These businesses are regulated under the *Wildlife Act* and the regulations to keep records of their transactions.
- The regulations state that the following information must be recorded:
 - (a) the total number of wildlife or parts of them of each species acquired,

- (b) the date of receipt of the wildlife or parts of them.
- (c) the name and address of the person from whom wildlife or parts of them were acquired, and
- (d) the serial number, date and type of licence under which the wildlife or part of it was taken.

• In order to fulfill these requirements the hunter, when he or she takes the parts of the animal he or she wishes processed to the business concerned, must take with him or her the following documentation:

1. his or her hunting and species licences with the appropriately cancelled species licence.
2. Limited Entry Hunting Authorization, if such is required in order to hunt the animal.
3. Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet, which confirms that the animal has been inspected by an officer of BC Environment, where such an inspection is required.
4. his or her trapping licence, if the animal was taken under that authority.
5. the valid permit that allows possession of the animal if a permit is required in exceptional circumstances.

• Normally a hunter would not be required to have either a trapping licence or permit for a big game animal, in addition to items 1 to 3.

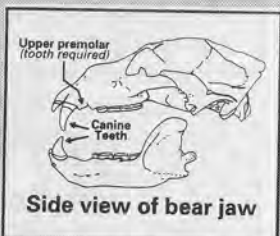
• The question is frequently asked, "Why do I need this documentation?" The answer is simply that presentation of the documentation helps to protect the recipient, i.e. the taxidermist, tanner or meatcutter, from prosecution for illegal possession; it is required by law, and a "paper trail" exists should an investigation be required. In addition, some taxidermists, as agents for their clients, present the necessary parts of game animals for compulsory inspection by an officer of B.C. Environment, where the hunter is unable to do so personally. In such cases it is mandatory that the hunter provide the taxidermist with all the information required for the inspection, including the location of the kill. If such information cannot be produced by the agent, who may also be a guide outfitter in the case of a non-resident, then the animal may be seized by B.C. Environment until all the documentation is complete. Difficulties in such situations occur often enough that hunters should take special care to ensure that all information is available to an inspecting officer.

A Tooth For Truth The Harvest Card Tooth Return Program

• We'd like to know the exact age of the black bear, moose, deer, and elk you have successfully hunted this season. If you send us a tooth sample along with your completed Harvest Card, our regional technicians will analyze it. We'll send you a "Management Participant" jacket crest as a token of our appreciation for your help. At certain times, because of the volume of teeth sent in for aging, some delays in handling and processing may be experienced. Special Harvest Data Card envelopes (postage paid) will be provided at the time of your licence purchase, or will be mailed with Limited Entry Hunting authorizations. If a Harvest Data Card return envelope is not provided for you at the time of your licence purchase, please contact your nearest Wildlife Office or licence sub-issuer for a postage paid return envelope. For each tooth you submit for aging please indicate clearly your hunter number, name, and complete mailing address. This information will ensure that further processing delays are avoided.

Black Bear Teeth: It is very important to the wildlife biologists of BC Environment to know the range of ages of black bears that are hunted.

• It will be some time before information about black bears can be printed on the orange Harvest Data Card envelopes, however, these



envelopes should be used for the return of black bear teeth.

Ungulate Teeth: A lower front tooth complete with root from your moose, elk, or deer is required for accurate aging. The tooth is most easily removed by making cuts as deeply as possible on both sides of the tooth, hooking thumb over the top of the tooth and rotating the tooth forward, then cutting the root free. See the back side of the Harvest Card return envelope.

Please do not submit a tooth for a deer taken in Region 1.

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Don't Support Illegal Guiding

The *Wildlife Act* defines "guide" as: "a person who for compensation or reward received or promised, accompanies and assists another person to hunt wildlife".

A person must possess a valid British Columbia Guide Outfitter Licence or Assistant Guide Licence in order to legally guide hunters. The government licences guides to ensure that their activities can be closely monitored and regulated.

• BC Environment intends to increase its enforcement efforts to stop illegal guiding. A person who guides without the proper licence commits an offence. A person who uses the services of an illegal guide may, as a party to the offence, be charged and convicted of the same offence.

ATTENTION FOREST ROAD USERS!

While operating your motor vehicle, ATV, motorcycle, snowmobile or mountain bike on forest roads, please consider the following:



Forest roads that are not currently being used for timber harvesting operations may have been deactivated. Keep a lookout for hazards but do not expect all areas to be fully signed at all times. Without road deactivation, unmaintained roads may suffer serious erosion and contribute to forest, stream and wildlife habitat degradation.

The objective of road deactivation is to control water flow, prevent washouts and, wherever possible, maintain limited vehicle access. Road deactivation is a stabilization process, not necessarily a closure. Deactivation techniques such as cross ditching and waterbarring significantly alters the road surface making the road impassable for some vehicles and creating a driving hazard for the unwary road user.



ALL USERS MUST USE CAUTION!

It is essential that vehicle operators exercise the utmost care and caution in utilizing all forest roads to ensure your visit is a safe and enjoyable experience.



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The Habitat Conservation Fund...



was created by an act of the legislature to preserve, restore and enhance important areas of habitat for fish and wildlife

throughout British Columbia. Healthy habitat is the key to thriving fish and wildlife populations. The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) is one of the best tools we have for preserving and enhancing that rich heritage. Hunters, anglers, trappers, and guides contribute to the Fund's enhancement projects through license surcharges. Voluntary contributions to assist in the work of the Fund are welcome. For more information contact:

The Habitat Conservation Fund,
3-780 Blanshard St., Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

or
BC Environment Regional Fish & Wildlife offices

\$30 million for fish and wildlife.

Over the past 15 years, the Habitat Conservation Fund has provided \$30 million for more than 1,400 projects to benefit a wide diversity of fish and wildlife. This year, for wildlife alone, 84 projects have

been funded including:

- the province-wide Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy which helps to support ecosystem-based management, establish new inventory methods, prevent bear problems with garbage, and protect vulnerable population
- Roosevelt Elk translocation from Vancouver Island to Powell River
- a study of radio-collared bighorn sheep to identify wintering habitats in the Cariboo region
- monitoring Stone's thornhorn sheep transplant in the Atlin area
- an amphibian survey of threatened leopard and spotted frogs (Lower Mainland), spadefoot toad and tiger salamanders (Okanagan)



Habitat Conservation Trust Fund

The BC government will convert the Habitat Conservation Fund to a trust fund, to allow more money to be spent on fish and wildlife conservation projects throughout the province. This year, the HCF will provide record funding of \$4.9 million to support 154 fish and wildlife habitat conservation projects which is a \$1.2 million increase from last year. The trust fund will be established under new legislation, expected to be introduced with the provincial budget.

Major Regulation Changes for 1996-97

1. Some open season dates for trapping have been adjusted for 1996 - 1997. Please see the open seasons schedule on page 88.
2. Trappers should note the 1996 - 1997 Schedule of Royalties on page 87.
3. Some changes to the submission requirements for the Compulsory Reporting of furbearers - see below

Trapping Regulations

1. It is an offence to trap unless;
 - (a) you are authorized to trap, or
 - (b) have completed, since July 1, 1982, a trapper education course which is approved by the Director.
2. It is an offence to:
 - (a) use a leghold trap (except a leghold trap designed for wolves) which is fastened solidly, if there is more than 30 cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened,
 - (b) use a leghold trap designed to trap wolves which is fastened solidly, if there is more than 60 cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened,
 - (c) trap beaver, otter, mink or muskrat on land by means of a leghold trap, unless the trap is equipped with a submerging device,
 - (d) not use the minimum weight of 150 grams (6 oz) required to be securely attached to all muskrat submerging sets smaller than size # 1^{1/2},
 - (e) use a leghold trap which has teeth or other projections on the jaws of the trap,
 - (f) use a killing snare on land unless the snare is
 - (i) equipped with a locking device, or
 - (ii) designed to catch squirrels, or
 - (iii) a mechanically powered killing snare
 - (g) trap a wolverine, marten, fisher, weasel, skunk or squirrel except by means of a killing trap, a live box trap or a killing snare,
 - (h) set spring poles or running poles unless they are equipped with a killing trap,
 - (i) use a trap equipped with a spearing device,
 - (j) trap, hunt, kill or take a black bear, except by the use of a rifle, shotgun or bow,
 - (k) trap a wolf, fox, coyote, lynx or bobcat, except by means of a killing trap, a modified leghold trap, a live box trap, foot snare or a killing snare,
 - (l) use a snare made of wire heavier than 20 gauge unless licenced or authorized to trap, or
 - (m) use a snare made of braided wire unless licenced or authorized to trap, or
 - (n) use any Conibear trap larger than, but not including #220 for land sets within any municipality in Region 2,
 - (o) trap a furbearing animal, and if the animal is alive when you check the trap, fail to immediately release or kill the animal,
 - (p) trap a raccoon except by means of a killing trap, killing snare, live box trap or egg trap.
3. (a) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap commits an offence unless that person examines the holding or non-killing traps he or she has set on the trapline at least once every 72 hours, and the egg trap(s) he or she has set for raccoons at least once every 24 hours.
 - (b) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap on private property commits an offence unless that person examines the holding or non-killing traps he or she has set on private property at least once every 24 hours.
4. It is an offence to trap within 200 m of a dwelling, unless you use:
 - (a) if trapping on land, a live box trap, or
 - (b) if trapping on or in water,
 - (i) a Conibear trap not larger than size #330, or equivalent
 - (ii) leghold traps not larger than size #2, or
 - (iii) submarine traps.
5. It is an offence to trap on private property without a trapping licence and the written permission of the property owner.

Compulsory Reporting of Furbearers

- any wolf taken by trapping on Vancouver Island or in the Kootenay Region
 - any bobcat, lynx and wolverine taken by trapping in the Kootenay Region
 - any lynx, taken by trapping in the Okanagan Region
 - reporting must occur on a monthly basis (by the end of each calendar month).
 - information required includes:
 - the location where the animal was trapped
 - the date the animal was killed
 - the number of traps used and days set before the animal was killed
 - the sex of the animal
 - a tooth from all bobcat and lynx taken in the Kootenay Region
- Note: Gloves should be worn while handling wolf carcasses as a precaution against contracting hydatid disease.

B.C. Fur Management Program

- In British Columbia, some 6,000 trappers actively manage 16 furbearer species, following standards, legislation and regulations developed by BC Environment. About half of the province's trappers are Aboriginal.
- The Fur Management includes:
 - Continuing Trapper Education Program courses for novice and experienced trappers
 - "Management Guidelines For Trappers" are available for mink, marten, fisher, lynx, wolverine, beaver and muskrat. Other furbearer species guidelines are planned for the future.
 - Continued monitoring of furbearer populations and prey/food items through the annual "Trapper Survey" questionnaire.

Regulating Harvest

- In general, appropriate trapping seasons have been developed by considering a variety of criteria including pelt primeness, relative vulnerability of age and sex classes to harvesting, abundance and capture technology.
- The registered trapline system continues to be the primary system for setting harvest guidelines and managing furbearers. Harvest levels are guided by species management strategies, with furbearers being divided into three classes.
 - Class 1 Species - can be managed on individual traplines. This class includes beaver, fox, marten, mink, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, squirrel and weasel.
 - Class 2 Species - move between and among traplines, and thus are not manageable on individual traplines. Harvests will be regulated regionally, in consultation with local trappers. This class includes lynx, bobcat, wolverine, fisher and otter.
 - Class 3 Species - also move between and among traplines, but generally are not vulnerable to over trapping. This class includes the wolf and coyote. Trappers will be encouraged to trap these species, especially in areas of chronic animal damage control problems.

Trapper Survey Questionnaire

- Over the past 6 trapping seasons many trappers (about a 1,000 each year) received a "Trapper Survey" questionnaire. The random survey of about 1,000 licenced trappers includes all major habitat areas (ecoprovinces) in the province and is representative of trappers and trapping throughout British Columbia. The results of

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the questionnaires are confidential. The survey provides information on the various furbearer population trends, prey and other food items, habitat changes and relative trapping effort.



• While the survey information becomes more useful each year, some trends will not likely be readily detected until we have a decade of this information. However, this information, coupled with the provincial annual fur trading information, helps in making current wildlife management decisions.

• Many trappers were surveyed in the spring of 1995. The survey continues to build an important fur management information base.

Trapper Education Program

• In cooperation with the BC Trappers Association (BCTA), BC Environment delivers the Trapper Education Program (TEP). This program includes beginner courses and advanced courses for experienced trappers. In addition, BCTA-TEP instructors, along with BC Environment, BC Aboriginal Affairs, and the Federal Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs have conducted Native Trapper Education courses.

• British Columbia is committed to regulating humane traps as they become available and to ensure that trappers are educated in the use of humane traps. All trappers have a responsibility to ensure they are trained and use the most humane traps available, that furbearers on their trapping areas are managed wisely and pelts are

handled professionally. Approved TEP courses include those obtained in British Columbia (since July 1, 1982) and from the Yukon, Alberta and Ontario, since July 1, 1989.

- Beginners and advanced TEP courses are generally 3 and 2 days in length respectively.
- the "British Columbia Trapper Education Manual" is available from the BC Trappers Assn. (who produced and published it) at TEP courses for \$25.00.
- A minimum of 12 persons are required before a course will be held. The delivery of a course is subject to instructor availability.
- The cost of the advanced TEP course is the same as that of the beginners TEP course, currently \$175.00.
- The demand for TEP courses continues to be high and an instructor may not always be available. Plan in advance!
- Who to contact for TEP courses:
- Requests for TEP courses may be directed to Fish & Wildlife regional offices, Conservation Officer Service district offices or the Provincial Trapper Education Coordinator:

Marlene Sharpe, 5- 595 Ongman Road
Prince George, B.C. V2K 4L1
Phone: 604-561-1602

Definitions

egg trap - means a holding device set in a manner to capture a raccoon by a front paw.

foot snare - means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the foot or leg.

trapping - means the act of setting or placing a trap in an operative condition, or killing by the use of a firearm.

furbearer - means any fox, badger, beaver, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, land otter, sea otter, raccoon, skunk, squirrel*, weasel (ermine), wolverine, wolf, coyote and black bear.

killing snare - means any trap that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the neck.

killing trap - means a trap or trapset that is designed to kill an animal.

leghold trap - means a trap or device, other than a snare, which is set in such a way as to capture the animal for which it is set by the leg or foot.

modified leghold trap - means a trap which has a minimum space of 5 mm between the jaws of the trap when in the closed position or has manufactured pads of a rubber-like substance fastened to the trap jaws.

* does not include ground squirrels.

General Regulations

- These regulations apply to all ungranted Crown Land in the Province.
- 1. It is an offence to set a trap for, hunt, kill, take or capture a furbearing animal in any area of the province unless you are:
 - (a) the registered holder of the trapline for that area, or
 - (b) authorized by regulation or permit.
- 2. Registration of a trapline on Crown land may only be granted to a person 19 years of age or older who is a citizen of Canada or has the status of a permanent resident of Canada. No more than one trapline shall be registered to a person. Registration of a trapline does not:
 - (a) give the holder of a trapline any proprietary rights in wildlife, or
 - (b) restricts the rights of another person
 - (i) to hunt, or
 - (ii) to capture wildlife where authorized by regulation or a permit.
- 3. The boundaries of a trapline are defined by the Regional Manager. The relinquishment or transfer of a trapline must be approved by the Regional Manager.
- 4. No person shall continue to hold a registered trapline unless he or she:
 - (a) carries on active trapping on his or her registered trapline to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager, or
 - (b) obtains permission from the Regional Manager to temporarily discontinue the use of his or her registered trapline for a period not exceeding two years, or
 - (c) uses or causes the use of his or her trapline by a licenced trapper or a person exempted from holding a licence.A person fails to use a trap-line, where within a year that person fails to take from the trapline fur-bearing animals of a value of \$200, or 50 pelts, except where it is unreasonable to expect that value of animals or pelts to be harvested from the trapline.
- 5. A person who knowingly damages or interferes with a lawfully set trap commits an offence.
- 6. A person who leaves a trap or trapset after the last day of the season for the trapping of furbearing animals commits an offence.
- 7. It is an offence to have live wildlife in your personal possession except under a licence or permit or as provided by regulation. Note: a trapping licence does not authorize the possession of live wildlife.
- 8. The use of electronic or recorded calls is banned for hunting furbearers.
- 9. A trapping licence will not be issued to a person who has not satisfactorily completed a British Columbia Trapper Education course since July 1, 1982.

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Fur Trading Regulations

- Licensed fur traders must submit a full and complete return on all wildlife that has been or is in their possession for each calendar month, within 30 days of the last day of the month to which the report relates. A Fur Trader's Return Form is provided for that purpose.
- The Assigned Trapper Number of every trapper from whom furs are received (except furs taken under a hunting licence, permit or on a reserve) must be recorded on the monthly return.
- All licensed fur traders are required to measure any lynx pelt acquired by them at the end of every calendar month and to submit all measurements on prescribed forms.

Note: The Fur Trader's Return Forms and Lynx Pelt Survey Forms are available only at BC Environment regional offices.

Licence and Registration Fees

The fees payable for the issuance of the following licences are:

- For a trapping licence issued to a resident in the Province to trap game\$17.00
(includes surcharge for Habitat Conservation Fund)
 - For a duplicate licence to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his/her trapping licence has been lost or destroyed \$4.00
 - To transfer registered trapline rights to a person or group of persons\$25.00
 - For a fur trader's licence\$50.00
 - For a fur trader to trade from a place of business in another province ...\$400.00
- Note: Trapping licences shall be valid from the date of issuance to June 30.

Fur Royalty Regulations and Schedule

- When a person is in possession of a pelt or skin of a furbearing animal not raised in captivity on which a royalty has not already been paid under this section, and fails to pay to the Minister of Finance a royalty on each pelt or skin in his or her possession, as prescribed by regulation, that person commits an offence.
- Section (1) above does not apply to the holder of a trapping licence, or a person exempted from holding a trapping licence when selling pelts, lawfully taken by him or her to the holder of a fur trader's licence.
- A person who kills a furbearing animal under the authority of a licence to hunt wildlife is exempt from paying a royalty in relation to the pelt or skin of

that animal, unless he or she intends to offer the pelt or skin for sale.

Note: Any raw fur or skin of a furbearing animal shipped out of the Province for commercial purposes must be accompanied by a Royalty Fur Export Permit.

Schedule of Royalties:

On each pelt or skin

Beaver	\$0.76	Otter	\$2.32
Bobcat	\$1.64	Raccoon	\$0.37
Coyote	\$1.02	Skunk	\$0.06
Fisher	\$1.21	Squirrel	\$0.04
Fox	\$0.70	Weasel	\$0.14
Lynx	\$2.89	Wolf	\$2.24
Marten	\$1.39	Wolverine	\$4.82
Mink	\$0.70	Black Bear	\$2.41
Muskrat	\$0.07		

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Trapline Cabins

Trappers should register their trapline cabins on Crown Land. Cabin applications may take up to six months to process. Contact the Wildlife Branch of BC Environment for further information.

Provincial Parks & Recreation Areas

Registered trapline tenure within Provincial Parks is subject to the provisions of the *Park Act* and Park regulations. Trappers are required to obtain a Park or Resource Use Permit to trap that part of their trapline occurring within a Provincial Park or Recreation Area. The permit can be obtained by contacting the nearest provincial parks office. The permit fee is \$100.

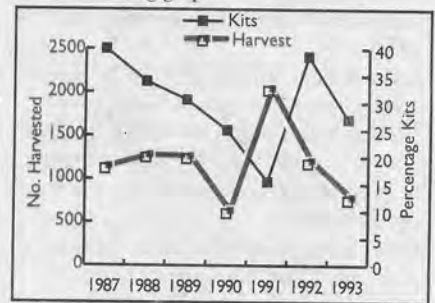
Trapline cabins in Parks and Recreation Areas require authorization by a Park or Resource Use Permit. This permit can also be obtained by contacting the nearest BC Parks District office. The permit fee is the greater of \$25 or \$10 per cabin.

Lynx Management Information

Lynx populations are cyclical, following the approximate 10 year population cycles of the snowshoe hare, its principal food source. Lynx harvest records, the "Trapper Survey" questionnaire and lynx pelt measurements allow the lynx population cycles to be 'tracked' or followed. Knowing the phase of the population cycle can help the trapper to adjust trapping effort (ie. reducing, stopping or increasing)

accordingly. More information for the trapper concerning lynx management is contained in the brochure "Lynx - Management Guidelines For British Columbia".

Fur traders have been required to measure all lynx pelts and report this information since the 1987/88 trapping season. Total trapping harvest and percentage of lynx kittens in the harvest information is presented in the following graph.



Lynx population growth depends on lynx kitten survival and early reports suggest that lynx were more common in the 1994/95 season than the previous season.

Fisher Management by the Trapper

In 1991, the Wildlife Branch identified what appeared to be a decline in fisher populations. In cooperation with the BC Trappers Association, a strategy was developed to aid in the recovery of the fisher populations. The cooperative effort between the trappers and the Wildlife Branch has enabled the fisher population to recover.

The following is information which may help to reduce fisher capture on your trapline:

- modify your marten box by making the entry hole smaller (2 1/2 - 3" in diameter) and increase the length of the box.
- Where fisher sign is evident:
 - trap mink around beaver houses and away from timber.
 - use scents and other attractants, rather than bait at lynx sets.
 - avoid or reduce trail trapping sets.
 - avoid trapping around den sites near large cottonwoods and fir snags.
 - establish fisher non-trapping or refuge sites on your trapline.
 - establish food sites for fishers (helps marten also) on your trapline; competition from other predators/scavengers can be reduced by hanging food carcasses in a tree.

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Other Information for the Trapper

1. The Assigned Trapper Number (ATN) is required by the Fur Trader when accepting, exporting and selling fur. It is also required when paying fur royalties. Please remember to write your ATN on a slip of paper or letter when shipping your fur to a fur trader. This will prevent delays in getting your furs to market and cash returns to you. Fur traders cannot ship or sell fur without recording your ATN.
2. The Wildlife Branch reserves the right to remove nuisance animals from Crown land, whether or not the Crown land in question is under a trapline registration.
3. Trapping within ecological reserves is prohibited.
4. You are reminded that under Sections 247 and 446 of the Criminal Code of Canada it is an offence for anyone to wilfully cause or permit to be caused unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to an animal or injury to a person.
5. As approved humane traps become available, trapping regulations restricting or prohibiting the use of certain other traps in the capture of various animals will be brought into effect.
6. Any trapper accidentally capturing a weasel on Vancouver Island or on the Queen Charlotte Islands must forward the pelt and the carcass to the local BC Environment office.
7. Any trapper accidentally capturing a fisher in regions 1, 2, 4, or 8 is requested to forward the pelt and carcass to the nearest regional wildlife office.

Wolverine Study

• The Wildlife Branch is conducting a study of wolverine ecology and population dynamics in northern sub-boreal forests. As part of that program wolverine carcasses will be collected from participating trappers in Management Units 7-8 through 7-16, 7-23 through 7-30, and 7-38 through 7-41. This is a voluntary submission program and will provide information on food habits and reproduction. Trappers interested in participating can contact Eric Lofroth at the Wildlife Branch in Victoria (356-0244) or the Fish and Wildlife office in Prince George (565-6145). Information about participation in the submission program will be sent to trappers in these Management Units in August 1996.

1996/97 Open Trapping Seasons for Furbearers

• Note: The following open seasons apply to the entire region unless specific management units are stated i.e. 1, 2, 4, 5, means all of the regions 1, 2, 4, and 5; or 3(12-15, 18, 20, 26) means only the MUs in the () and should be read as: for region 3(3-12 to 3-15, 3-18, 3-20, and 3-26).

SPECIES	REGIONS (MUs)	TRAPPING SEASON	SPECIES	REGIONS (MUs)	TRAPPING SEASON
BEAVER	1,2,3,4,5,8	Oct 15 - Apr 30	WOLF	1	Nov 1 - Jun 30
	6,7	Oct 1 - May 31		2(2-4,7-10,17-19), 3(45,46),4(1,2) 8	No Season
MUSKRAT	1,3,4,5,8	Oct 15 - Apr 30		2(5,6,11-16), 3(12-20,26-44)	Oct 15 - Feb 28
	2	Nov 15 - Feb 15		4(3-9,14-40)*,5	Oct 15 - Feb 28
	6,7	Oct 1 - May 31		6	Oct 15 - Mar 31
RIVER OTTER	1,2(2-5,12-16)	Nov 15 - Feb 28	7	Oct 15 - May 31	
	2(all others),3,4,5	Oct 15 - Apr 30	BOBCAT	1,6,7	No Season
	6,7	Oct 1 - May 31		2,3,4**,5	Nov 15 - Feb 15
8	Nov 1 - Apr 15	8		Nov 15 - Jan 31	
MARTEN	1,2,3,4,5,8	Nov 1 - Feb 15	LYNX	1,2	No Season
	6,7(1-48,55-58), 7(49-54)	Nov 1 - Feb 28		3,6,7	Nov 15 - Feb 15
		Nov 1 - Mar 15		5(1-14)	Nov 15 - Jan 15
MINK	1,3,4,5			5(15)	Nov 1 - Dec 31
	7(1-48,55-58),8	Nov 1 - Feb 15		4	Nov 15 - Feb 15
	2,6(3,11,14)	Nov 15 - Feb 15	8	Nov 15 - Jan 31	
	6(1,2,4-10, 12,13,15-30)	Nov 1 - Feb 28	RACCOON	1,2,3,4,5, 6(except 12,13),7,8	Oct 1 - Mar 31
	7(49-54)	Oct 15 - Feb 15		6(12,13)	Jan 1 - Dec 31
WEASEL	2,3,4,5,6(except 12,13), 7,8	Nov 1 - Feb 15		SQUIRREL	1,2,3,4,5
	1,6(12,13)	No Season	6,7		Nov 1 - Mar 31
	WOLVERINE	1,2,8	No Season		8
3,4,5		Nov 1 - Jan 31	FISHER	1,2,4,8	No Season
6, (except 3,11,14),7		Nov 1 - Feb 28		3,5,6,7	Nov 1 - Feb 15
6(3,11,14)		Nov 1 - Feb 15		BLACK BEAR**	1,2,3,4
COYOTE	1(14,15),2, 3,4,5,6,7,8	Oct 15 - Feb 28	5,6(3,11-14),8		Oct 15 - May 15
			6(1,2,4-10,15-30),7		Oct 15 - May 31
FOX	1(14,15),2, 3,4,5,6,7	Oct 15 - Feb 28	* There is no closed season on wolf in the East Kootenay Trench below 3300' elevation.		
	8	No Season	** Quota: Bobcat - 2 in one year Black Bear - 2 in one year (NOTE: Please see page 82 for regulations concerning bear parts.)		
	SKUNK	1(14,15),2, 3,4,5,6,7,8	Oct 15 - Feb 28		